



**THE  
CALGARY  
PARTY**

# **INFRASTRUCTURE TOOLKIT**






# Faster, smarter & built for Calgarians

Calgary is a city on the move - growing fast, building boldly, and preparing for the next million people who will call our city home. From transit expansions and housing developments to water mains and road renewals, infrastructure is literally the foundation of Calgary's future.

The good news? 99% are delivered on budget, while 93% of them are completed on time. On paper, that looks impressive. But ask any Calgarian stuck in traffic, rerouted from their driveway, or navigating through endless construction zones and you'll hear the same thing: It still takes too long. It still feels like chaos.

The Calgary Party believes it's time to ask harder questions about how we plan and deliver infrastructure so we can build faster with less disruption to the community





# **REWARD EARLY DELIVERY, PENALIZE DELAY**

## **Timelines that serve people, not just spreadsheets**

Many public infrastructure projects are taking far longer than they should. For example, the Marda Loop Main Street project, which is designed to improve the pedestrian environment is on the third summer of disrupting residents and businesses, making life more difficult for everyone involved.

The City needs to be more ambitious with its timelines and get projects done on budget and on time.

## **Calgarians deserve better.**

The Calgary Party will require:

- Ambitious and achievable timelines.
- Contracts that reward early delivery and penalize delay
- External audits of capital project timelines to identify where approvals, procurement, or staging can be streamlined

Lets measure success with fast delivery and consistent budgeting.  
Calgarians deserve a city that builds.

When virtually every project comes in at or just under budget, it raises a serious question: Are we overestimating from the start?

Currently, contingencies are built into every individual project. This approach may inflate costs and encourage contractors to use the contingency.

The Calgary Party will bring real transparency and discipline to infrastructure budgeting by introducing a City-Wide Contingency Reserve. Instead of providing each project with a discretionary cushion, we'll pool all contingencies into a central, audited reserve which will provide the City with greater control over the use of contingency funds.

This approach will:

- Provide more oversight on spending and encourage contractors to meet their budgets
- Improve transparency and oversight over how contingency funds are used
- Protect critical infrastructure projects from stalling due to major unforeseen economic shifts

By tightening how we budget, we can build smarter, faster, and more affordably—without compromising quality.

# ON-BUDGET DOESN'T MEAN WELL-BUDGETED







# BUILDING FOR HOUSING, TRANSIT, WATER & ROADWAYS

Infrastructure isn't just about pipes or platforms, it's about how people move, live, and grow in this city. Whether we're upgrading sewers, extending the LRT, repairing roadways, or planning new communities, Calgary needs integrated infrastructure that works together not in silos.

Right now, too many projects are planned independently. That means roads are torn up twice, opportunities for housing are missed, and investments don't deliver their full potential.

The Calgary Party will change that by:

- Coordinating infrastructure across departments so housing, transit, roads, and utilities are planned together
- Prioritizing projects that unlock new housing supply or connect people to jobs, schools, and services
- Supporting a modern public water utility, which can finance long-term upgrades without relying on politically driven budgeting
- Reduce commute times by rebuilding our road between to better support all modes of transportation (walking, cycling, transit and driving)
- Continue investing in main streets so that residents can easily access the services they need without having to use a car

Well-planned infrastructure shortens commutes, lowers housing costs, protects our water, and builds better neighbourhoods. When we plan together, we build smarter—for today and tomorrow.

We need to figure out ways to do construction better. The Marda Loop Mainstreet's project is a great example. The project will dramatically improve the pedestrian environment in one of Calgary's oldest neighbourhoods, but did it really need to take three years to complete?

We believe that the City needs to think differently about how it conducts these major projects in order to minimize disruption for residents and business.

The Calgary Party will:

- Improve how we sequence work so that we only need to tear up the street once
- Set community disruption targets for high-impact projects, including noise, detour length, and duration.
- Require meaningful community notification and mitigation plans before projects begin

# REDUCING DISRUPTION, RESPECTING COMMUNITIES





# Let's build the Calgary we deserve

We are a city of builders. Calgarians deserve infrastructure that is built faster, smarter, and with them in mind. Not construction zones without end. No years-long detours.

Let's raise our standards and deliver a city that reflects the pride and ambition of its people.

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