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<b>Jan Damery</b>		
No. Calgary must invest to ensure our built Heritage is better protected.	Yes. I support more resources for heritage conservation grants and support for larger projects.	Yes.
<b>Jeff Davison</b>		
Yes. I believe that preserving heritage is an important part of the quality of life in Calgary, and can absolutely help contribute to a more sustainable city. The best path forward for preserving heritage in Calgary is by partnering with the community to find sustainable ways to retain these buildings. I am committed to heritage preservation.	Yes, I would be in favour of a Council- approved policy on incentives for heritage conservation. But the specific terms of such a policy matter. There needs to be a discussion with heritage organizations in Calgary, and with the broader community, on what the right balance is for financial incentives.	Yes, I support the creation of heritage districts in Calgary in consultation with Calgary's heritage organizations, and the neighbourhoods themselves. It's important that the planning process in Calgary meet the needs of the people who live in Calgary's communities.
<b>Jeromy Farkas</b>		
No. The recently passed Guide for Local Area Planning (formerly the Guidebook for Great Communities) is lacking in many areas that could impact the future developments in heritage areas. This includes a lack of consideration for single family districts and missing flood mitigation measures, among others. Another area of Heritage protection that is missing is restrictions on the sale or redevelopment of our city parks. Park space is sacred in a growing city. Calgary is renowned for its ample greenspace; and as our city continues to grow, park space will get more and more valuable. It is our duty to protect these spaces so future generations can enjoy them, just as we have. I will continue to push for ways to protect our heritage assets, such as appropriate planning policies and flood mitigation.	Yes. I am open to the idea of supporting this program, depending on the results of the pilot project that is already underway. Since the phased program is set to run for 2 years and be tied to the local area planning process, I will be watching the results with great interest.	Yes. Heritage is important to preserve and maintaining assets that are part of our history is a worthwhile initiative, but not all assets are in a condition to be restored and maintained. Balancing history with public safety is the best route forward to make sure that we have great examples of our City's history while also building for our future. Heritage conservation also allows for ways to improve our local economy. During my time as a City Councillor, I represented some of the oldest parts of the city. I was fortunate to be involved with several heritage matters, some right within my ward. I have championed amendments to policy as well as concrete projects including the installation of bilingual stop signs in honor of the historic Rouleauville Community in Mission.



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<b>Brad Field</b>		
<p>No. This is not a "yes" or "no" answer. I support heritage preservation including parkland and tree canopies. I believe it contributes to a walkable, interesting and sustainable city, which in turn helps attract the young workforce we need to diversify our economy, attract tourists, and provide a good quality of life for residents. It also connects us to our history and our culture, which is important for residents. That said, I am aware of the city's current financial constraints, which are significant, so we may need to walk before we run. I will listen to the people who are expert in this field and bring agencies together to determine priorities, how we can collaborate, and what the city can do to facilitate your objectives either by getting out of the way, or making operational changes that support your priorities.</p>	<p>Yes. This is not a "yes" or "no" answer. It requires citizen engagement. I will support it if citizens indicate they favour it. I intend to introduce Priority Based Budgeting, which is quite different than how we currently budget. We start by determining how much revenue it is reasonable to collect, and then put spending in order of priority. It includes a robust citizen engagement tool in which citizens are asked to put the spending options in their order of priority. We then start funding from the top of the list and when we run out of money, we stop spending. If citizens value incenting heritage conservation - and I suspect they will - then it will land high enough on the list to receive appropriate funding.</p>	<p>This is not a "yes" or "no" answer either. It requires citizen engagement. I will support if it citizens want it. I believe this needs to be driven by the people who live and work in those areas. City Council does not always know best, and the biggest complaint I hear in this campaign is that citizens do not feel properly consulted or engaged when Council tries to change their neighbourhoods. These kinds of changes simply cannot be top-down. So my opinion isn't the one you need. If the residents and businesses want us to do this, we should do it, and we should do it taking account of how and how fast they want to do it.</p>
<b>Jyoti Gondek</b>		
<p>No. We need to be intentional about heritage identification and preservation.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<b>Paul Michael Hallelujah</b>		
<p>No. Studying mold in old homes is key as is looking at preservation efforts.</p>	<p>Yes. The above explanation is very good to have lower or no taxes and more study.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<b>Larry Heather</b>		
<p>No. Part of that heritage is the City's Cemeteries. Many tombstones are ill kept with overgrown grass.</p>	<p>Yes. Much more can be done to preserve and not tear down perfectly functional buildings.</p>	<p>Must be well defined. Not all history is in a viable state to be preserved.</p>



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<b>Dean Hopkins</b>		
No. In Europe there is a historical grading system ie: 1-2-3 we in Calgary need to adopt this system otherwise property developers will perches and pull down many historical sights. Having a graded system to stop this happening is vital.	No. Not at this time, once our economy improves, then this policy can be readdressed in two years.	Yes.
<b>Zaheed Ali Khan</b>		
No. We have slowly been on a down ward spiral in losing rich Calgarian history John pencil is gone from the floods. We have lost the iconic movie poster shop along with beat it, music I believe on 17th Ave sw. it becoming more expensive to go to such places as the zoo and heritage park. the city of Calgary still does not own calaway park.	Yes. Calgary has wealth in these iconic locations and or buildings.	Yes.
<b>Cory Lanterman</b>		
No. There is issues of cleaning up heritage sites like the Creosol plant area of western downtown. Our heritage of Dancehalls and unique dance for social events has not been preserved enough for future generation to understand our heritage of Canadian Cultured Dance.	No. We are a burn and throw away culture. the need to preserve older buildings with unique aspects should be a priority verse tearing down and replacement with low quality structures of modern quick thrown up buildings with minimum building codes. In the past I was a tile setter and contractor that knows fully the quality of buildings and structures and the lack of building codes. Older buildings are not throw away structures as most are well built and refurbished add to the community.	Yes.



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<b>Teddy Ogbonna</b>		
No. The municipal development plan gets in the way. Community associations and or groups are not engaged or heard enough. It’s time to protect and preserve our heritage buildings, parks , and the entire ecosystem. Environment and people first before developers.	Yes. It’s the right thing to do.	Yes.
<b>Virginia Stone</b>		
No. This city is NOT doing enough, nor is it even close to sufficient at 1%. This is an embarrassment. Calgary must proactively support its heritage. If voted in as Mayor, I will make sure that Calgary becomes a leader in sustainable innovation. We must focus on conscious innovation, renewable energy, and sustainable technology. My Social Impact Strategy includes: turning all our waste into energy and reducing carbon emissions; greening rooftops; installing community gardens; grants and support for innovation and sustainability; food security; citizens without residence programs; and much more. We must protect and preserve our heritage as well as our environment bringing in new legislation to care for these precious resources, landscape, and buildings. I also have an affordable housing initiative where I will bring European-style social housing projects to our city, which aligns with and compliments historical places and buildings.	Yes. This is a definite YES. I agree that we can repurpose heritage buildings to meet our current needs, including affordable sustainable housing, sustainable innovation hubs, creative and artistic cultural spaces, amongst others.	Yes.



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Grace Yan		
<p>No. We need to preserve historical buildings and 1% certainly isn't enough. Historical buildings add beauty and interest to the city.</p>	<p>No. Beautiful old buildings that can stand the test of time should be preserved. I fully support providing tools that help preserve buildings and homes that add value to communities. It makes sense to increase property values. I believe in revitalizing the city, and will do everything in my capacity to increase Calgary's livability. I do not make promises I may or may not be able to keep. How many times have politicians made empty promises? Promising full funding when I have not had a chance to review the pros and cons would be disingenuous of me. I can promise that I am fully in support of heritage conservation and look forward to discussing how we can work together to support worthy initiatives.</p>	<p>I support building specific policies. If a building or community is over a certain age, it should be preserved. What I don't want to see is a blanket preservation policy that covers an entire area because not all homes may be worthy of protection. As far as predictability goes, I do think it's important for communities to charm and character.</p>

**The following mayoral candidates did not respond:**

- Ian Chiang
- James Desautels
- Emile Gabriel
- Zac Hartley
- Kevin J. Johnston
- Zane Novak
- Mizanur Rahman
- Geoff Rainey
- Adam Roberts
- Sunny Singh
- Will Vizor
- Shaoli Wang

**Due to incomplete contact information on Calgary.ca, the following mayoral candidates were not sent an invitation to participate.**

- David oZone Clark
- Randall Kaiser
- Stan the Man Waciak