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Burrows Campaign Announces Accountability & Accessibility Plan

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Calgarians have seen four major decisions that have made them lose confidence in their current City Council:

The Peace Bridge – lack of priority

The Airport Tunnel – lack of vision

Firing City Auditor – lack of oversight & governance

Council 5.5% Raise in a Recession – lack of touch with economic reality

We need a Mayor who is ready to set an example and set the tone for Council and City Administration.

City Transparency

The current Council could have asked for the Auditor General in July to audit the current financial fiasco at City Hall. Sadly, their inaction has cost taxpayers another \$1 million to have a new audit done by the administration that is being investigated and the Audit Committee who were asleep at the wheel. We will be more transparent by:

- Asking the Auditor General to investigate the City Audit Fiasco and make recommendations to Council. We will open the books and start at ground zero. We will learn from this to ensure the tendering process is done according to proper process and policy
- Real estate transactions around major capital projects. There are a lot of rumours about land deals around major transportation projects, we will have the Auditor General investigate any potential conflicts of interests

Council Transparency

There have been too many rumours about Members of Council being in the development business. These rumours turn into conspiracy because of lack of transparency. We will open up City Council by:

- Members of Council and senior administration will declare all real estate holdings around Calgary Region
- They will declare not only land but any business opportunities that may be involved in City contracts. This policy will extend to spouse, business partners, and blind trusts
- No City employee or past Council member will be allowed to do any business or contracts with the City for 3 years past termination of position

Council Accountability

City Council and City Administration need to work together to provide service to Calgarians. If we don't work together, we won't serve Calgarians. As Mayor, I will be committed to balancing the books but I will need the support of Council and Administration. We will show tone at the top by:

- Freeze Council salaries and senior Administration salaries until budget is back to the rate of inflation
- Cut Council budget by 10%
- Cut all parking stalls for Council staff that do not require their vehicle for work since the same was asked of City staff

Effective Governance

City Council has endless meetings about meetings where decisions are continually bantered about. During this economic crisis, it's the responsibility of the Mayor to lead Council through this process:

- Removing SPCs (Standing Policy Committees) and replace with 2 days of Committee of the Whole. Council will listen once, make decisions, and move on
- Help ward alderman to grow into City Councillors by creating portfolios to allow them to learn about city wide issues
- We will create a Financial Board to the right of the Mayor's Chair so that any time Council wants to add or delete from budget, they can make real adjustments in real time
- We will institute quarterly Board Meetings similar to multi-billion dollar corporations to review the budget every 3 months, not 3 years. Once a decision is made, it will be sent to Calgarians through their Enmax bill that will tell them the current City Budget that is actual and projected

Accessibility

Calgarians want open and accessible government. We will achieve this by:

- Allow 30 minutes of Public feedback at each Council meeting. To add greater convenience, citizens can register on line for set time to speak before Council
- As Mayor, we will have 28 Town Hall meetings per year (2 for each ward) where the local alderman and myself will meet constituents to hear their local and city concerns

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