



**Calgary**

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

October 2, 2023

The Hon. Ric Mclver  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and MLA for Calgary-Hays  
320 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

**Re: Municipal Fiscal Gap Report**

Dear Minister Mclver,

On behalf of Calgary City Council, allow me to add to the growing chorus of calls for the federal and provincial governments to recognize and address the municipal fiscal gap.

This September:

- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities issued a call for the Government of Canada to consider a new Municipal Growth Framework that grows with Canada's population and economy to ensure local governments can continue to lead national challenges on the ground.
- Members of Alberta Municipalities, which represents the local governments of 85% of Alberta's population, voted 98% in favour of a resolution calling on the Government of Alberta to more than double the funding available in the Local Government Fiscal Framework so we can invest in infrastructure critical for economic and population growth.

Closer to home, our Council approved a report prepared by our Corporate Economics branch identifying a significant and growing "municipal fiscal gap," despite local efforts to contain costs and maximize existing revenues. At the request of Calgary Council, I am attaching a copy of that report, which can also be found [here](#).

This reform will take a commitment from all orders of government, including our own, to an open-minded dialogue, a mutual respect for the scarcity of resources, and a mutual willingness to explore options. This letter is an invitation to commit to that conversation.

Calls for this kind of discussion are not new, but their recent amplification by voices across the country underscores a new urgency. The status quo is simply no longer tenable. I look forward to hearing from you to start this conversation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JG', written in a cursive style.

Jyoti Gondek  
Mayor, The City of Calgary

cc: Calgary City Council