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Comments
Thanks for recognizing the needs of the elderly. One thing we should all realize is that the voters who should be of concern do not all live in care homes. Many of them live in apartment buildings. Those who live in single family houses may eventually want to move to a local care home, but for my neighbors, the city has taken away that option, twice. You prevented the expansion of the Golden Door, and the Lemay care home.

The city is moving rapidly to worsen life for older residents. You take away parking near destinations. You require use of mysterious programs on cell phones, or deny the elderly use of services in much of the city. You enable those who scare the elderly away from downtown and Transit, because you refuse to deter the impaired and habitually criminal from haunting those public spaces.
Accommodating the needs of the elderly goes beyond providing bus service to the front doors of apartment buildings, hospitals and malls. You largely stopped providing that service in 2025. It is unkind stereotyping to suggest that large-printing is what seniors need. Like many others, my vision is still perfect.
You still fail to provide reminders to the elderly at crosswalks. There is no reminder to stay on the curb for 5 seconds after that button is pushed. There are no countdowns at some intersections. For decades, Calgary has operated crossings with metal gates that can only

be swung open when it is safe to do so. You have failed to raise the plow-priority of those collector streets which have no sidewalks. All of these are key to the safe use of our streets and sidewalks by the elderly. One slip and fall can permanently end the mobility of a senior.
Did you know that most workplaces are forced to lay off workers when they turn 70? Does the city force out any worker when they turn 70? Does the city hire those who can still work after turning 70, and can find no other employment? Employment is one of your key UN indicators.
Did you know that those who raised kids and foster kids, and thus did not pay much into a pension, may have retirement income far below the poverty level? What action is the city taking to protect those hard-working people from becoming homeless as they face the big housing crunch?`

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