

Background: The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is an Alliance of 30 faith, labour, non-profit, community and educational organizations representing over 35,000 Calgarians. To learn more about the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good visit www.calgarycommongood.org.

Issues arising from our members: In October 2019, our leaders listened to over one thousand of our members to identify issues impacting our communities we want to work together to address.

The following areas were identified 1) Mental Health, 2) Social Isolation, 3) the Environment and 4) Truth and Reconciliation. Based on the work our members have done in these areas we have identified three areas where we would like to work with the provincial government.

Area 1: Mental Health

We are raising our collective voice to ask that the provincial government put a high priority on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable. **Specifically**, we ask that the province ensures that:

- The Ministries of Health and Education work together to implement a collaborative mental health framework for early intervention and prevention in our schools that include:
 - Comprehensive whole-school approaches to mental health for K-12 focusing on the wellbeing of students, staff and families.
 - Sustainable funding for trained full-time mental health coordinators for each school to implement strategies, and bridge services from across sectors.
 - Students (K-6) have equitable access to a timely and proper assessment of needs when required.
- The Mental Health Mobile Response Team or PACT teams are expanded and become a service that is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. (With the MRT available until at least 2:00 AM.)
- The Alberta Government adopts trauma-informed practices and policies across all appropriate ministries, departments and service offerings including having trauma-informed care be a part of the mandatory training for all staff in every branch of service delivery within the Government of Alberta.

Area 2: Just and Sustainable Recovery

- We are raising our collective voice to ask that stimulus spending prioritize meeting the needs of the most vulnerable and contribute to environmental sustainability.
- **Specifically, we ask that the Province follow through with its commitment to Calgary's Green Line** and gives The City of Calgary the funding it needs so construction can begin in July of 2021.

Area 3: Bill 1 and Bill 32.

- As an alliance, we are committed to fostering a vibrant and effective civic life in our city and province.
 - We are concern about Bill 1 because of how it can put a chill on citizens engaging with public issues.
 - We are concerned with Bill 32 because labour is an essential component of a vibrant civic sector.
 - Bill 32 limits their ability to be civic actors and supporters of civic organizations. This bill also creates an unbalanced public discourse by limiting political engagement from one side (labour) while not placing similar limits on what is often seen as the other side (business).
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Constructive and Respectful Relationship

- We desire to foster a constructive, respectful working relationship and a healthy dialogue with our provincial representatives to address the issues impacting our communities.

What we are asking for in this meeting.

- We are asking that you meet with Minister Luan (Mental Health), Minister La Grange (Education/Mental Health in Schools), Minister McIver (Transportation/Greenline), and Premier Kenney to develop a plan for how these concerns can be addressed.
- Then we are asking for a follow-up meeting to hear how these meetings went and how we can work together to advance these issues.