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Expenditures ⁽¹⁾	\$ 353,734
Variance	\$ 14,972

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FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025
COUNCILLOR WARD 8 - COURTNEY WALCOTT & NATHANIEL SCHMIDT**

Account	Date	Amount	Vendor	Description/Rationale
30996 - Employee Recognition /Banquet	Jun	40	Sunterra	
30996 - Employee Recognition /Banquet	Jul	207	Charbar	
30996 - Employee Recognition /Banquet	Jul	100	Class Clown	
32540 - Wireless Comm - Rental/Airtime	Jan-Dec	644	Rogers Communications	
32590 - Telecommunications - Intrnl	Jan-Dec	600	Telus Mobility	
32700 - Communications	Jan-Dec	2,200	Progressive Nation	
32700 - Communications	Dec	7,000	Champion Public Relations Corp.	
32700 - Communications	Dec	1,800	Parsons Dialogue	
33000 - Printing	Dec	63	The Printing House	
35150 - Info Serv - Intrnl	Dec	323	Internal	
35150 - Info Serv - Intrnl	Dec	37	Internal	
35150 - Info Serv - Intrnl	Dec	351	Internal	
45110 - Security General Internal	Apr	392	Internal	
52000 - Supplies - Office	Dec	40	Amazon	
52000 - Supplies - Office	Dec	74	Amazon	
52000 - Supplies - Office	Dec	156	Amazon	
52000 - Supplies - Office	Dec	22	Amazon	
52000 - Supplies - Office	Dec	150	Staples	
52000 - Supplies - Office	Dec	100	Staples	
52000 - Supplies - Office	Dec	43	Staples	
52000 - Supplies - Office	Dec	572	Staples	
53000 - Small Tools/Equipment	Dec	46	Amazon	
53000 - Small Tools/Equipment	Dec	315	Staples	
53150 - Equipment - Computer Hardware	Dec	28	Amazon	
53150 - Equipment - Computer Hardware	Dec	111	Best Buy	
53150 - Equipment - Computer Hardware	Dec	36	Best Buy	
53150 - Equipment - Computer Hardware	Dec	164	Amazon	
53150 - Equipment - Computer Hardware	Dec	232	Amazon	
53150 - Equipment - Computer Hardware	Dec	120	Best Buy	
53250 - Equipment - Computer Software	Dec	749	Asana.com	
53250 - Equipment - Computer Software	Dec	142	Canva	
62770 - Business Meeting (Exter only)	May	71	Milestones	Constituent Lunch regarding Housing Discussion - Cllr Walcott and J Yee (Vice President of Government Relations, Center for Newcomers)
62770 - Business Meeting (Exter only)	Aug	7	Good Earth Coffeehouse	Meeting, A Baribeau (Multimedia Manager with the Federations of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)) who was here in Calgary interviewing Cllr Walcott for a Video on Calgary Housing



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62770 - Business Meeting (Exter only)	Dec	422	Scotiabank Saddledome	Saddledome Foundation Flames Game (2025-2026) - Cllr McLean, C Barber, J Farris, D Lowe, 8 kids from Big Brothers and Big Sister of Calgary and 8 Chaperones from Big Brothers and Big Sister of Calgary 16 Tickets donated to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Calgary, and Ward 8 and Ward 13 split the Cost of Hosting evenly
62810 - Comm-Sponsorship of Indiv/Orgs	Feb	147	Paypal: Women's Centre	Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future: Celebrating Black Women in Alberta, 1 Ticket - Cllr Walcott
62810 - Comm-Sponsorship of Indiv/Orgs	Mar	943	Jerusalem Shawarma	Sponsoring Dinner for Anti-Racism Committee: Community Conversation on Anti-South Asian Hate <i>Cllr Walcott used personal funds for this purchase and was reimbursed from Ward 8 Budget</i>
62810 - Comm-Sponsorship of Indiv/Orgs	Apr	238	Centre for Newcomers	Donation, Centre for Newcomers, 8th Annual Fundraiser, 1 Ticket - Cllr Walcott
62810 - Comm-Sponsorship of Indiv/Orgs	Apr	36	Centre for Newcomers	Donation, Zeffy, Free Fundraising Platform for Nonprofit Organizations
62810 - Comm-Sponsorship of Indiv/Orgs	Jul	286	Boards and Commissions	HMCS Calgary Barn Burner Event, 5 Tickets: Cllr Walcott, E McCaffrey, J Laforest, A Ta and N Schimdt
77520 - Membership Fees & Dues	Dec	251	Project Management Institute	
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77540 - Business Travel	Apr	669	WestJet Airlines	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	142	Budget Rent a Car	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	924	Doubletree Hotel	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	77	Park and Jet	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	21	Petro-Canada	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	100	WestJet Airlines	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	367	Wyndham	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	16	Yellow Cab	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	57	Spinnakers On The Fly	
77540 - Business Travel	Jul	160	Union Pearson Express, Pie Bar, Crimson Teas, Ikkousha Ramen Chicken, Starbucks and Uber	
77540 - Business Travel	Aug	654	Direct Travel -Georget	
77540 - Business Travel	Sep	390	WestJet Airlines	
77540 - Business Travel	Oct	47	Capital Taxi Ottawa	
77540 - Business Travel	Nov	518	Les Suites Hotel	
77540 - Business Travel	Nov	26	Uber	
77550 - Training/Staff Dev	Apr	19	Mount Royal University	Service Fee for 2 Courses: Social Media Strategies and Crisis Communication (Mar 31 - May 5, 2025) and Foundations of Project Management (Mar 8, 2025) - J Laforest
77550 - Training/Staff Dev	Apr	776	Mount Royal University	Registration for 2 Courses: Social Media Strategies and Crisis Communication (Mar 31 - May 5, 2025) and Foundations of Project Management (Mar 8, 2025) - J Laforest



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77550 - Training/Staff Dev	May	1,578	Athabasca University	Course Registration Fee, French 301 and 387 - Nicole Schmidt <i>N Schmidt used personal funds for this purchase and was reimbursed from Ward 8 Budget</i>
77550 - Training/Staff Dev	Aug	1,047	Westin Harbour Castle	Hotel, Canadian Institute of Planners 2025 Annual Conference, Toronto, ON (Jul 8-10) - A Ta
77550 - Training/Staff Dev	Dec	1,129	IDEO U	Registration, Human-Centered Systems Thinking Course - E Galbraith See Attachment #1 below
77550 - Training/Staff Dev	Dec	50	PM Vision Inc.	Deposit for the PMP prep course to be taken by G Gonzaga (Jan 26-29, 2026) <i>Course cancelled, funds refunded in Jan 2026</i>
77660 - Conferences	Mar	205	Eventbrite	
77660 - Conferences	Apr	1,129	Canadian Institute of Planners	

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Total Expenditures is inclusive of all Ward expenses, including salaries. Ward salary details are not disclosed to protect employee privacy.

IDEO Course Description - Human-Centered Systems Thinking (Evan Galbraith)

Public Disclosure Requirement

3. Relationship between the curriculum of any program attended and their duties as a Councillor:
Learning and Development, Section 20 (2)
 - (2) In addition to the requirements in CC024, *Councillors* that expense the costs of learning and development for themselves or their staff must provide a report on the relationship between the curriculum of any program attended and their duties as a *Councillor*. This report must be included as part of their public disclosure of expenses.

Human-Centered Systems Thinking

People are at the heart of every complex human system--but they're often the most overlooked. Effective problem solvers today know how to visualize the larger dynamics of the system while staying grounded in the needs of people. In this course, you'll learn to combine the analytical tools of systems thinking with the creative mindsets of human-centered design to make sense of complex systems challenges. Explore mapping tools to identify the right places to focus, surface insights about your stakeholders, and pick the most impactful solutions to experiment with so you can go beyond the obvious and design lasting solutions.

Course Outcomes

- Gain techniques for mapping complex systems and identifying the root causes of a problem
- Establish a shared view of the system and reframe problems from different perspectives to uncover new solutions
- Find the right problems to solve and pick the best solutions to experiment with
- Deepen your understanding of your organizational systems by taking an iterative approach to testing solutions and gaining insights

Connections Between Course Outcomes and Ward 8

1. **Mapping complex systems and identifying root causes.** There are several multifaceted issues that Ward 8 faces such as housing affordability/options, mobility issues and community safety. Learning techniques from this course allows the Ward 8 team in identifying how these issues are connected and determine the true root cause rather than reacting to the issues upfront.

2. **Establishing a shared view and reframing problems.** This course allows the Ward 8 team to view the issues from different perspectives, including residents, businesses, city council and city departments. This new shared/well-rounded view fosters problem solving from a different lens to satisfy the diverse perspectives.
3. **Determining the right problem to address and selecting the right course of action.** Prioritizing the most impactful problems in Ward 8 and finding meaningful solutions is the main goal for Councillor Schmidt and the Ward 8 team. This course introduces several tools that can be used to test solutions that will have the most impact and ensuring the best course of action possible.
4. **Iterative testing and gaining insight.** An iterative approach allows the Ward 8 team to pilot different solutions, gather feedback and refine strategies iteratively. As dynamic issues are the core of an urban city like Calgary, being adaptive is the best way to see what solution works best.