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**Calgarians confront the Mayor over the budget**

**Calgarians put Mayor on hot seat**

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Concerned Calgarians packed the Atrium at City Hall Saturday to discuss the proposed budget with the Mayor, city managers and Aldermen.

Hundreds of people showed up for the five hour event and gave Alderman and the Mayor an earful.

"My taxes have gone up 64 %, with your proposed tax increase its a hundred per cent," said one Calgarian.

On Thursday, the mayor told CTV that he had found ways to cut the proposed three-year property tax increase to 20.79 % from 25.13 %.

Six out of Eight aldermen, who are part of the property tax revolt, insist deeper cuts can still be made.

Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart is against the proposed tax hikes and went so far as to put out a petition asking council to scrap the three budget process.

"People are worried about where their paycheck is coming a month from now, they're worried about buying food," said Colley-Urquhart, "they're canceling holidays, they're not even thinking about too many Christmas presents."

The official debate about the budget gets underway in Council Chambers on Monday at 9:30 a.m., and tax payers will get another chance to voice their opinions next week.

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**Denise in Strathcona - Calgary**

Has Bronconnier ever reduced a tax on anything? All I've ever observed from him is his constant tax grabs and the numerous "photo-ops" where he can be seen with the "right" people to further his ambitions.

**Gary Durksen Calgary**

Get this Mayor and his cohearts Out of town. Him and his supporting aldermen are a pain to this city. Time to get them out of office , why wait for elections, make petitions to get them to resign as they are totally useless If presidents can be impeached Im sure Mayors and aldermen can be too

**Marc D'Hont**

I think all Calgarians should have their voice heard regarding the tax hikes. I for one, am disgusted with the waste I see everyday in this city by city of calgary workers at their job sites.

The city doesn't need to be building \$25 million dollar foot bridges when we are in a recession and I think all projects should be cut back or put on the back burner in these economic times. I also blame former mayor Al Duerr for doing nothing with this city's infrastructure for nine years he was in office only for our current mayor to be playing catch-up at twice the cost it would have been if these projects had been done 10 or 15 years ago.

**Mark Banks**

