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Calgary, AB: Alex Columbus proposes unique financing solution for a world-class entertainment facility and Flames Arena.

Discussions about projects like the arena and others happen every day in City Council. The new arena negotiation just happens to make the front page, which makes it top of mind for all Calgarians. "I take real issue with this having the potential to drag on for an extended period of time. There are so many important matters Council should be evaluating and the new arena is just one. Let's sit down at the table get everyone in the room and get a deal done. There is no place for this to drag on."

Increasing taxes is not a solution to get this built, "Let's face facts, the community revitalization levy solution by the owners of the Flames is a tax. The Province needs to foot the bill, and then they need to get the business owners in and around the new arena to pay extra taxes in the form of a levy to pay back that 'loan'. If we want to get this built ASAP we need candid discussions and creative solutions"

Alex has a unique option that he believes should be on the table. "What if the City of Calgary sold savings investment certificate to Calgarians? We could all have the option to own a small piece of a world-class facility and get a return on our investment both financially and within our community, that investment would be secured by what will be the best arena in the NHL. I realize that this is not a simple undertaking but we need to look at all options. I am confident there are many local investment dealers and banks that would be happy to work together to sell this deal."

"My extensive education and experience with infrastructure projects in a safety first work environments makes me uniquely qualified to be Ward 6 Councillor to undertake an arena project and many other core projects while finding solutions on other issues for Calgary and most importantly the residents of Ward 6."

About Alex Columbus: Alex Columbus is Calgary born and raised. He is a family man and a businessman with an MBA in Global Energy Management and Sustainable Development from the Haskayne School of Business. He left his business and boardroom life to run for City Council, wanting to leverage his corporate experience to create an even better city.