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A few short months ago
We met over concrete pathways
Blues riffs in the distance
Sound check one two
Water rushed over rocks past our sweet
Princes Island Park
How fitting as I had met my prince charming

Yes, you had me
At the sweater vest debate
Of late July
Sweet dulcet tones
Deep chocolate eyes
Your delightful misconception
That a sweater vest could look good
Tucked in

Oh my dearest, mostly right, most honourable Mr. Mayor

Confident, forward-thinking and brazen
You are the new wild west
And the way you encourage me to be my best
Saying time and time again that
Together, we create great things

You push the envelope
explore innovation
And already make things better

Articulate, urban, informed and optimistic
You had me
At inclusion
And community consultation

More bike lanes less sprawl you said
Density, diversity and a sense of discovery you said
YES, I will marshal the pride parade you said

I'm embarrassed to say that
Before you I had never
Participated in a municipal election
But your were just the Godin "Purple Cow"
Social media maverick
Born east, grown west
Sweater vest wearing
Ivy league educated baron
I could sink
My vote into

And today

When you talk about innovative and creative cities
I still get weak in the knees

When you talk about collaboration as the foundation for success
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When you talk about building better communities
Keeping Calgarians moving
And transforming government
When you use words like
Sustainable, walkable and livable

When you say things like the future is ours to make

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You will always be the political demerara to my high maintenance coffee
The socially conscious sprinkles to my salted caramel cocoa
And the business savvy masala to my breakfast parfait

And I will always be delighted to call you

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Not only Calgary's mayor, but Canada's Mayor...

The Honourable Mayor Naheed Nenshi

