Council Direction: Calgary Indigenous Relations Office (IRO) and Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC)

- On 2019 April 8, Council approved report CPS2019-0277 and the recommendation to defer the report on the modernization of CAUAC’s Terms of Reference that was scheduled for 2019 Q1 to no later than 2019 Q3.

- On 2018 November 19, through report CPS2018-1216, during the One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budget discussion (Regular Meeting of Council), Council directed that with respect to Report CPS2018-1216, the following be adopted:

  “That Council forward report CPS2018-1216 to its upcoming November 2018 budget deliberations (2019 – 2022 One Calgary Budget) to specifically inform the Community Strategies Service Plans and Budget. And, if the 2019-2022 One Calgary – Community Strategies Service Plans and Budget is approved, that the following recommendations be put to Council for its consideration.

That Council:
1. Approve the establishment of the City of Calgary Indigenous Relations Office (IRO) as set out in Report CPS2018-1216.
2. Endorse the initial core functions of the City of Calgary IRO to include but not be limited to:
   a. Strategy & Leadership;
   b. Legal Advice & Reporting;
   c. Cultural Training & Advice;
   d. Relationship Coordination; and
3. Receive a scoping report through the SPC Community and Protective Services by Q3 2019, reflecting meaningful and regular engagement with First Nations, The Metis, Inuit and urban Indigenous Calgarians on the determination of IRO’s collective collaborative vision and core functions.”

- On 2018 November 07, through report CPS2018-1216, Council was presented a preview of the proposed Calgary Indigenous Relations Office (IRO) and referred the recommendations to the One Calgary budget approval process.

- On 2018 October 22, Council adopted the following Motion Arising with respect to Report N2018-1036:
  “That Council direct Administration to:
   1. Hire an external consultant with expertise in Indigenous Governance, who, after being authorized by Administration, is to undertake a comprehensive review of Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) in conjunction with the work on
developing an Indigenous Relations Office, and report back to Council in Q1 of 2019 with recommendations on modernizing the Terms of Reference.

2. Ensure that the work of the CAUAC reviewed by the external consultant evolves into current best practice Indigenous Governance in contrast to previous traditional colonial practices that have been a constraint in the past.

3. Ensure that the review provides a mechanism to meet the needs of Indigenous interests in Calgary.”

- At the 2017 December 18 Regular Meeting of Council, Council directed Administration to “work with the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 to develop a Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 Policy Implementation Guide that is reflective of their culture and history no later than the end of Q4 2018.” Further, Council directed Administration to “set up an Official signing and formal acknowledgement of the Council approved Indigenous Policy to include the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3, Treaty 7, City Council and the City of Calgary.”

- On 2017 July 24 Council adopted Notice of Motion NM2017-20 which directed Administration to scope the feasibility of a distinct Indigenous Relations Office.

- On 2014 January 28, Administration presented a report (PFC2014-0083) updating the CAUAC terms of reference, presenting a 10-year strategic plan and implementation of the annual CAUAC progress report.