

DEFERRAL TO 2017 Q4 - FLAGS DISPLAYED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 2017 April 24, Administration was directed to engage with the member Nations of Treaty 7, the Metis Nation of Alberta Region 3 and the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) to determine which flags would be appropriate to display in the Council Chamber. This work has begun, and an engagement strategy is being developed. However, the engagement process will take some time, and a recommendation regarding which flags to display in the Chamber will not be ready for 2017 September 11. Rather, it is expected that the recommendations will be forwarded to Council at the same time as the report back to Council on the Indigenous Policy Framework in 2017 Q4.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. Approves the request to defer Administration's response;
2. Direct that Administration return to Council with a recommendation on which Indigenous flags to display in the Chamber at the same time as further consideration of the Indigenous Policy Framework (scheduled for 2017 Q4).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2017 April 24 meeting of Council, a motion arising directed:

'that with respect to Report CPS2017-0306, that Council direct Administration to engage with the member nations of Treaty 7 (the Kainai Nation, the Piikani Nation, the Siksika Nation, the Tsuu T'ina Nation, the Bears paw Nation, the Chiniki Nation, and the Wesley Nation), to engage with the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 and to engage with Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee ("CAUAC") and seek their advice to determine which flags would be appropriate to display in Council Chambers to recognize and honour our Indigenous neighbours and further the City's efforts on the journey towards reconciliation. Administration is to report back no later than September 11, 2017 with a recommendation of additional flags to be displayed in Council Chambers'.

BACKGROUND

In 2016 November, Council adopted a new Flag Policy, which included a provision adding the Treaty 7 Flag to the main bank of flags in front of the Municipal Complex. This provision was added in response to a recommendation made by CAUAC in their report *White Goose Flying*, which noted that adding the Treaty 7 flag would be an actionable initiative that would contribute to the call to 'reaffirm and renew Treaty relationships, and maintain them for the future'. A flag raising ceremony was held on 2017 March 23 at the Municipal Complex. At that time, there were no additional recommendations for the display of flags. However, the Flag Policy allows for additional flags to be displayed in the Chamber, as approved by Council.

Currently, in addition to the Canada, Alberta and Calgary flags, there are a number of flags of military regiments and paramilitary organizations displayed along the south west wall of the Chamber. These flags have been displayed for some time, usually after having been presented to Council and are reflective of these groups' contributions to Calgary.

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INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

An engagement strategy is being finalized in consultation with the Engage unit of Customer Service and Communications, and Calgary Neighbourhoods. The strategy is meant to provide an appropriate approach to gather information from our Indigenous neighbours.

Strategic Alignment

N/A

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

N/A

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

N/A

Current and Future Capital Budget:

N/A

Risk Assessment

N/A

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Deferring a recommendation on which Indigenous flags to display in the Chamber allows Administration sufficient time to develop and undertake an appropriate engagement strategy with our Indigenous neighbours.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None