

## 2017 SWEARING-IN CEREMONY LOCATION

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends a change to the location of the Swearing-In Ceremony at the 2017 October 23 Organizational Meeting of Council from the Council Chamber to the Municipal Complex Atrium.

With the move of the Swearing-In Ceremony to daytime hours, Administration is recommending that the Ceremony be held in the Municipal Complex Atrium rather than the Council Chamber as this will allow for greater participation and public observation of the Ceremony. This larger venue will increase seating capacity to accommodate invitees, special guests and the general public. The use of the Atrium does not limit technology reporting, currently part of Council meeting requirements.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

That Council suspend Section 29(1) of the *Procedure Bylaw* 44M2006, as amended, by a two-thirds vote, to allow for a change in venue for the 2017 Swearing-In Ceremony from the Council Chamber to the Municipal Complex Atrium.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

Council approved Policy CP2016-06, "Swearing-In Ceremony" on 2016 June 20. This policy ensures that Members of Council-elect are duly sworn in to City Council in a manner that satisfies legislative requirements, honours the offices of Councillor and Mayor and allows for public participation.

### BACKGROUND

In accordance with Council Policy CP2016-06, a Swearing-In Ceremony which follows a municipal general election shall include a component that fulfills the legislated requirement for Members of Council-elect to take the oath/affirmation of office (*Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, section 156).

### INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Attendees at Swearing-In Ceremonies typically include invited guests of Members of Council-elect, senior members of the Administration and some citizens.

Administration was advised of concerns expressed at previous Swearing-In Ceremonies about limitations on the number of attendees that could be accommodated in the Council Chamber. Therefore, Administration investigated the possibility of conducting the Swearing-In portion of the 2017 October 23 Organizational Meeting in the Municipal Complex Atrium. Relocation to the Atrium will allow for increased seating and accessibility for the general public.

A two-thirds resolution of Council is required to conduct a Council meeting in a location other than the Council Chamber.

### Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

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None.

### **Strategic Alignment**

This report aligns with Council's priority of a well-run city: "Calgary's government is open, responsive, accountable and transparent, delivering excellent services at a fair price. We work with our government partners to ensure we have the tools we need." (*Action Plan 2015-2018*).

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

The proposed relocation of the Swearing-In Ceremony will improve citizens' opportunity to participate in civic life.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### **Current and Future Operating Budget:**

There are no current and future operating budget impacts because of this report.

#### **Current and Future Capital Budget:**

There are no current and future capital budget impacts because of this report.

### **Risk Assessment**

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendation of this report.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Holding the Swearing-In Ceremony in the Municipal Complex Atrium allows for increased seating and accessibility for Calgarians.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None