



Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee

Mandate and Composition

Mandate	The primary function of the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) is to provide Council with professional and strategic advice on matters that affect Aboriginal Calgarians, and offer ongoing guidance in relation to the implementation of strategies that advance Aboriginal interests in ways that benefit all Calgarians.
Composition	Minimum of 12 and Maximum of 14 Representatives of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Communities. At least 60 percent plus one should be Aboriginal and will include one Aboriginal Youth.

Details

Chair	Eileen Clearsky
Number of meetings in the last year.	Over the course of 2019, the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) held 10 meetings (January-December).
Summary of initiatives, projects or work completed or ongoing in the last year.	<p>Over the past year, CAUAC has focused on relationship building and community connections through representation on committees like the Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee and involvement in community activities (i.e. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary Indigenous Storytelling Event, Jane's Walk and The Women's Centre of Calgary). Additionally, CAUAC participated in collaborative dialogue and engagement sessions with organizations and initiatives like: the Office of Indigenous Engagement, University of Calgary; the Iniskim Centre, Mount Royal University; the Calgary Police Commission; the One Window Project; and the City of Calgary Human Resources Boardrooms Naming. CAUAC members also attended the unconscious bias training for BCC representatives, increasing their connections across BCC members.</p> <p>Also, CAUAC has been responsive to requests for input. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAUAC has provided a written response for input on how The City could explore ideas and ways to commemorate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. • Input for White Oak Park Interpretive Sign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A group of Wildwood residents has worked with Calgary Parks to rebuild the playground on Spruce Drive SW over the last two years (Phase I). The climbing equipment design includes Indigenous heritage features. CAUAC was consulted as part of Phase I, along with an Elder. ○ Phase II of the project has begun. This phase will see the installation of cultural art and a gathering area for visitors to learn and consider the information provided. The input of CAUAC is being sought once again, along with the guidance of the Elder.

An annual priority for CAUAC is the promotion, nominations, selections and event planning for the Chief David Crowchild Memorial Award and CAUAC Youth Award. This year, the promotions started earlier with a targeted social media promotion campaign. The intent was to reach a younger demographic to target nominations for the CAUAC Youth Award in particular. Due to the pandemic, the Awards have been postponed until September 2020.

Additionally, Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) has participated as a stakeholder in engagement sessions related to the overall Indigenous relations work led by the Calgary Indigenous Relations Office (Calgary IRO). This includes engagement sessions related to the development of the Office itself as well as engagement sessions related to the CAUAC governance review. Phase I of the CAUAC governance review included contracting an external consultant to undertake the following:

- A series of engagements with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers, CAUAC, City Administration and City Council;
- A review of current and historical CAUAC documents;
- A scan of existing Municipal Indigenous Relations Offices and Indigenous-focused Committees across Canada; and
- The development of a CAUAC Governance Review report with key findings and recommendations.

The Calgary IRO will present the outcome of Phase I of the CAUAC governance review to Council in Q3 or Q4 2020, depending on the length of the pandemic.

Outline of 2020 work plan.	CAUAC 2020 Priorities (Work Plan)	
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	Relationship Building and Community Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participate in committee work. ▪ Participate in community events.
	Response to Ongoing Requests ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Respond to requests for CAUAC's input.
	Annual Chief David Crowchild Memorial Award and CAUAC Youth Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promotion of awards, nominations and awards event. ▪ Planning and execution of the annual Awards event.
	Support Administration's Overall Indigenous Relations work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participate in engagement sessions related to the development of the Calgary IRO as a stakeholder.

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<p>Challenges to fulfilling mandate.</p>	<p>The pandemic has impacted CAUAC's ability to deliver on its 2020 workplan, including the cancellation of CAUAC's April advisory committee meeting and the postponement of the annual Chief David Crowchild Memorial Award and the CAUAC Youth Award ceremony.</p>				
<p>Additional information you would like to share with Council.</p>	<p>Phase II of the Indigenous relations governance review led by the Calgary IRO is underway (paused until the fall due to the pandemic) and is focused on imagining what is possible regarding Indigenous advisory functions based on emerging Indigenous relations trends and Indigenous governance best practices.</p>				