



Calgary Planning Commission

Mandate and Composition

<p>Mandate</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To advise and assist Council and co-ordinate the activities of various Departments & agencies of The City with regard to the planning of orderly and economical development and maintaining and improving the quality of the physical environment for human settlement within the City, including but not limited to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. review and approval of Outline Plans; ii. review and approval of Tentative Plans not within the scope of section 5(a) (Bylaw 28P95); iii. advising Council on land use matters; iv. review and make recommendations on municipal projects referred to it; and v. review and approval of development permit applications as a Development Authority pursuant to The Development Authority Bylaw; vi. any other planning matter referred to it. 2. To perform those administrative functions as delegated to it by Council pursuant to the Municipal Government Act; and 3. To perform on behalf of Council such functions as Council may require.
<p>Composition</p>	<p>1 Mayor</p> <p>2 Members of Council - may not be a member of SDAB</p> <p>6 Citizens</p> <p>2 Employees of the City, each of whom must be a General Manager or a Director</p>

Details

<p>Chair</p>	<p>Matthias Tita</p>
<p>Number of meetings in the last year.</p> <p>Summary of initiatives, projects or work completed or ongoing in the last year.</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Calgary Planning Commission (CPC) provides guidance on important planning matters for the future of our city. Based on a significant history of 109 years, today's commission is comprised of volunteer members representing planning and development professionals, the development and building industry, citizens at large, as well as City Council and Administration. The committee is appointed annually by Council.</p> <p>CPC provides technical reviews and makes recommendations to Council on land use and planning items and makes decisions as the approving authority on major subdivision and development proposals. CPC also responds to any planning-related requests from Council.</p>

Meetings of CPC are held in public, but they are not “public hearings”. Input from other stakeholders on planning matters, such as the Urban Design Review Panel, Community Associations or external agencies, are provided through administrative reports.

Calgary Planning Commission Members are required to have a commitment to making Calgary the best it can be for its citizens, a willingness to advise and assist Council in planning high quality communities, a strong public service orientation, integrity and high ethical standards. The citizen representatives on Calgary Planning Commission volunteer their time for meetings and the review of sometimes significant agendas.

2019 at a glance

	2019
Meetings	23
Reports	305
Recommendations to Council	242
Development Permit decisions	19
Outline Plan decisions	30

In 2019, CPC was engaged on several draft policy initiatives. Valuable input and feedback provided during these closed sessions has improved the quality of policy plans being presented to the SPC on Planning and Urban Development. Draft and final policy plans reviewed in 2019 include:

- Amendments to the Beltline ARP
- Enabling Urban Agriculture and Local Food
- Enabling Pop Up and Interim Uses
- Enabling Successful Infill Development
- Ricardo Ranch Area Structure Plan
- West View Area Structure Plan
- Guidebook for Great Communities for Everyone
- Keystone Hills Area Structure Plan – Keystone Hills Core Area Amendments
- Secondary Suite Process Reform, Phase 2
- Calgary – Chestermere Interface Intermunicipal Development Plan

A summary of significant development applications presented to CPC in 2019 are included in Attachment 1. CPC continues to review an increasing number of proposals for rowhouse developments in established areas of the city.

Several professional development activities were also held for CPC members during 2019:

- Land Acknowledgement Workshop
- Accessibility Tour
- Bus Tour with Urban Design Review Panel
- Introduction to the Next Generation Planning System
- CPC/Council discussion to understand how CPC comments/recommendations are valued

	<p>An external Effectiveness Assessment was also undertaken to support the development of CPC. Some of the themes that were raised by stakeholders included the efficiency of meetings, the evolving role of CPC as it relates to other committees, and the diversity of the Commission members.</p>
Outline of 2020 work plan.	<p>CPC Improvement Initiatives – 2020 Focus</p> <p>Focus areas for improvements in 2020 come from input of CPC members, Councillors, and built on other continuous improvement initiatives. These include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the way CPC members' individual comments are captured to ensure that this input is clearly communicated to Council to help inform decision making • Exploring informal sessions with Councillors to allow for discussions and feedback • Looking at board governance related activities, e.g. an onboarding program, annual strategic meetings, learning and information sharing • Updating the CPC bylaw, as required • Supporting the work of CPC through increased use and provision of technology • And, most recently, with COVID-19 physical distancing requirements, moving CPC to virtual meetings where CPC members, Administration and applicants participate remotely.
Challenges to fulfilling mandate.	N/A
Additional information you would like to share with Council.	N/A