

**City Clerk's Office Report to
Organizational Meeting of Council
2020 October 26**

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2020-2021 Council Seating Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the proposed 2020-2021 Council Chamber seating plan as set out in Attachment 2, effective 2020 October 27 until the conclusion of the 2021 October Organizational Meeting of Council.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This report presents the City Clerk's recommended City Council Chamber seating plan for the term beginning 2020 October 27 until the conclusion of the 2021 Organizational Meeting of Council.
- Councillor seating in the Chamber has changed annually since 2017, at Council's direction. Member names were selected and placed randomly, while respecting any ergonomic or accessibility issues.
- The 2020-2021 seating plan will be in effect from 2020 October 27 until the conclusion of the 2021 Organizational Meeting of Council, and will be in place even in Members are participating remotely.
- What does this mean to Calgarians? Annually changing where Councillors sit around the Council 'horseshoe' allows for Members to interact with and consider the different viewpoints of their colleagues, which contributes to good governance.
- Why does this matter? Having a Council Chamber seating plan that works for City Council helps to foster collaborative relationships.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A well-run city.
- The previous Council direction is included as Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

Prior to the 2017 Notice of Motion C2017-1179, Councillor seats around the 'horseshoe' were assigned according to the Ward they represented. The seating arrangements did not change for the entirety of their term during that election cycle. While this may have been easier for the public to see where their Member of Council sat, it also generated some concerns among Councillors as noted in the Notice of Motion C2017-1179 (included in Attachment 1).

To implement Council's direction, the City Clerk's Office randomly draws Councillor names to assign seats in the Chamber. Prior to completing a random draw, the City Clerk's Office ascertains any accessibility needs and ergonomic concerns and ensures such concerns are factored into the placement.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)

- ☐ Public Engagement was undertaken
- ☒ Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- ☐ Public/Stakeholders were informed
- ☐ Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

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IMPLICATIONS

Social, Environmental, Economic

Not applicable.

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact.

RISK

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Council Direction
2. Proposed 2020-2021 Council Chamber Seating Plan

Department Circulation

General Manager	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform