

Returning Officer's Report to
Combined Meeting of Council
2020 July 20

ISC: UNRESTRICTED
C2020-0766

Ward Boundary Bylaw Amendment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report proposes amendments to Ward Boundary Bylaw 19M91 in response to Council's direction to bring forward a bylaw establishing new ward boundaries, to come into effect following the 2021 October 18 General Election.

RETURNING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Council hold a non-statutory public hearing with respect to proposed Bylaw 23M2020.
2. That Council give 1st reading to the proposed Bylaw 23M2020, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 19M91; and
3. Direct the Returning Officer to give statutory notice of Council's intent to give second and third readings of Bylaw 23M2020 at the 2020 October 5 Combined Meeting of Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2021 June 15, Council passed the following:

That the Returning Officer bring forward a bylaw to adopt the recommended ward boundaries (Revised Attachment 2) at the July 20, 2020 Combined Council meeting to take effect for the 2021 October 18 General Election.

As set out in the Returning Officer's Report C2020-0638, the 2020 July 20 Combined Council meeting will include a non-statutory public hearing.

BACKGROUND

In preparation for the 2021 General Election, on 2019 October 21, Council directed an independent minor review of the ward boundaries to be led by the Returning Officer in keeping with the Ward Boundary Review and Determination Policy CP2019-04 (the Policy).

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

The proposed ward boundary bylaw (Bylaw 23M2020) is appended as Attachment 1.

The Municipal Government Act requires:

- ward boundary changes to be advertised at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper; and,
- following the last day of advertisement, sixty (60) calendar days be provided to allow an elector to submit a petition regarding ward boundaries.

As a result, second and third reading of Bylaw 23M2020 are proposed to occur on 2020 October 5.

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Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Following Council's 2020 June 15 direction to bring forward a bylaw, all Calgary community associations were contacted to notify them that the bylaw would be presented at the 2020 July 20 Combined Meeting of Council, and of the opportunity to participate in the non-statutory public hearing on that date.

Following the third reading of Bylaw 23M2020, changes to the ward boundaries for the 2021 General Election will be communicated to Calgarians and to relevant stakeholders, including school boards.

Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with One Calgary's citizen priority: A Well-Run City (*One Calgary* 2019-2022).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

There are no social, environmental or economic impacts associated with the recommendations of this report.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There is no impact to the operating budget.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There is no impact on current and future capital budgets.

Risk Assessment

If no changes are made to ward boundaries, the ward boundaries will not be in line with acceptable population deviation as set out in the Policy or required by law.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ward boundary changes aligned with the Policy are recommended to balance the population in each ward and support effective representation.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Bylaw 23M2020