

**Community Services Report to  
SPC on Community and Protective Services  
2021 April 14**

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## **2020 Calgary Combative Sports Commission Annual Report**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council:

1. Receive the Calgary Combative Sports Commission Annual Report for the Corporate Record, and
2. Give three readings to the proposed amendments to the Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 53M2006.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Calgary Combative Sports Commission is required to provide an annual report in accordance with the corporate governance framework. The 2020 Calgary Combative Sports Commission Annual Report includes a summary of activities, financial information and minor bylaw amendments to align the bylaw with industry terminology.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** Having an effective and accountable commission allows promoters to host and Calgarians to attend combative sporting events in a safe environment.
- **Why does it matter?** Combative sports regulation maintains safety for participants, officials, and spectators, reducing inherent risk.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A city of safe and inspiring neighbourhoods
- Background and Previous Council Direction are included as Attachment 1.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Calgary Combative Sports Commission is the governing body that regulates combative sporting events within the municipal boundary. The commission is required to report a detailed financial statement, an activity summary and a proposed budget for the forthcoming year, at least once per calendar year to Council. The 2020 Calgary Combative Sports Annual Report is included in Attachment 2.

Sporting events worldwide were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to provincial restrictions, only one combative sporting event was held in 2020. The Calgary Combative Sports Commission worked closely with the Government of Alberta to develop consistent standards that will ensure compliance with public health guidelines when combative sporting events are permitted to resume. The safe resumption of combative sports is expected in Step 4 of Alberta's Path Forward plan.

Proposed amendments to the Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 53M2006 will assist in creating a sustainable commission that supports progressive safety standards. Revisions include a reduction in commission membership, an increase to the commission member term length and updated terminology to align with industry standards. Proposed Combative Sports Commission Bylaw amendments are included as Attachment 3.

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**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

**IMPLICATIONS**

**Social**

Not Applicable

**Environmental**

Not Applicable

**Economic**

Combative sports events support the local economy. These events trigger spectator spending and generate job opportunities.

**Service and Financial Implications**

No anticipated financial impact

**RISK**

Combative sports carry inherent risks. The City of Calgary Combative Sports Commission mitigates risks by providing oversight through the bylaw provisions for licensing, rules, monitoring of events and enforcement. Risks are further mitigated through awareness of combative sports best practices including safety processes.

Alberta is the only province in Canada with combative sports regulation at the municipal level. The absence of a provincial combative sports commission results in policies created locally and run independently of each other.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Previous Council Direction, Background
2. 2020 Calgary Combative Sports Commission Annual Report
3. Proposed Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 53M2006 Amendments

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Not applicable		