



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	<p>Minimum of 12 and Maximum of 14 Representatives of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Communities</p> <p>At least 60 percent plus one should be Aboriginal and will include one Aboriginal Youth.</p> <p>Members must reside in The City of Calgary, with the exception of up to two Aboriginal members who reside outside of Calgary but within the Treaty 7 territory.</p>

Details

Chair	Justin Jimmy
Summary of initiatives, projects or work completed or ongoing in the last year.	<p>Over the course of last year, CAUAC has continued to advocate on matters that affect Indigenous Calgarians and advance Indigenous interests.</p> <p>As the originator of the Indigenous Policy, CAUAC advocated for the implementation of the policy within the corporation. This influenced the Calgary Indigenous Relations Office (IRO) to align its workplan to the Indigenous Policy's four ways forward so that the policy can be realized.</p> <p>CAUAC has continued to build relationships with The City and Indigenous community. CAUAC invited the new Team Lead for the Calgary IRO to participate in its monthly meetings, which resulted in a strengthened relationship between CAUAC and the Calgary IRO and the exploration of potential areas of collaboration. Furthermore, CAUAC has joined Municipal Connections, a national network of municipal Indigenous Relations committees and offices. CAUAC has also worked to enhance its relationships with the Indigenous community, including member participation in Indigenous community events such as Indigenous</p>



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Awareness Week, supporting Indigenous causes like Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and inviting Indigenous guests to present at its meetings.

CAUAC has promoted Indigenous worldviews, principles and practices, as well as diversity and inclusion, through participation in internal and external committees. The CAUAC Vice Chair is a member of The City's Anti-Racism Committee where she promotes Indigenous equity. Additionally, CAUAC members sit on the Aboriginal Standing Committee on Housing, Vibrant Communities Calgary, the Social Well-Being Committee and Guidebook for Great Communities Sub-Committee, where they bring Indigenous perspectives into committee work.

CAUAC has advanced Indigenous interests over the past year. This included inviting the Indigenous Gathering Place Society (IGP) to present at its meeting that lead to CAUAC's submission of a letter of support for the IGP to The City.

Finally, an annual priority for CAUAC is the promotion, nomination, adjudication and ceremonial event planning for the Chief David Crowchild Award and the CAUAC Youth Award.

Outline of 2021-2022 work plan.

Priorities	Actions
Indigenous Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per COC Policy Review Program, collaborate with stakeholders to review the policy
CAUAC Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and modernize TOR
Indigenous Governance Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the co-creation of an Indigenous governance model for The City
Reconciliation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review White Goose Flying Report & municipal reconciliation strategies Work with IRO to develop a reconciliation strategy for The City
CAUAC Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote awards, adjudicate nominations



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan & execute awards ceremony
<p>Challenges to fulfilling mandate.</p> <p><i>(COVID impacts will be documented in the next section)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of resources IRO staffing changes
<p>Additional information you would like to share with Council.</p>	<p>The CAUAC Governance Review, which was completed by an external consultant in 2020, recommended a review and identification of an Indigenous governance model. In December 2020, Council NofM directed administration to co-create an Indigenous governance model for The City. While this work is being led by the Calgary IRO, CAUAC will be engaged and will participate in the co-creation of the Indigenous governance model.</p>

Impact of COVID-19

<p>How many meetings were held since March 2020?</p>	<p>10 Meetings</p>
<p>How has public participation in meetings been impacted?</p> <p>Please identify any barriers to accessibility, participation, etc.</p>	<p>As a result of the pandemic, CAUAC had to cancel it's April 2020 meeting. It also postponed its 2020 Chief David Crowchild and CAUAC Youth Awards ceremony. The 2021 Awards Ceremony will likely be held virtually and will include the celebration of 2020 and 2021 award winners.</p> <p>As The City uses MS Teams, initially, there were issues of accessibility for CAUAC when the pandemic struck as most were familiar with and had Zoom accounts.</p>
<p>How do you manage to continue the work of the committee in the current situation?</p>	<p>CAUAC members have become proficient with MS Teams and its monthly meetings are held on this videoconferencing platform. CAUAC Chairs meet regularly with the IRO Team Lead on MS Teams to plan its monthly meetings and follow-up on action items.</p> <p>In addition, CAUAC had to transition over to virtual cultural protocols.</p>



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Attachments:

- A. CAUAC Strategic Plan 2014 – 2023
- B. Indigenous Policy