



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>Mayor 2 Members of Council 6 Citizens 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>Summary of initiatives, projects or work</p>	<p>Introduction</p>



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completed or ongoing in the last year.

Calgary Planning Commission (CPC) provides guidance on important planning matters for the future of our city. Based on a significant history of 110 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.

Meetings of CPC are held in public, but they are not "public hearings". Input on planning matters from stakeholders 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, and integrity and high ethical standards. The citizen representatives on Calgary Planning Commission volunteer their time for meetings and the review of sometimes significant agendas.

2020 at a glance

Ensured a smooth transition to virtual meetings without a single delay

Hosted 23 meetings, reviewing 208 reports from Administration

Forwarded 160 Recommendations to Council

Made 15 Outline Plan decisions and 16 Development Permit decisions

Improved the onboarding program for CPC Members

Welcomed five new CPC Members

Developed a new CPC report format

Established a combined Land Use/Outline Plan report template

Added Climate Change Strategy sections to CPC reports

Participated in 15 workshops on topics such as:

- Municipal Development Plan/Calgary Transportation Plan Amendments



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Downtown Plan • Guidebook for Great Communities • North Hill Communities Local Area Plan
<p>Outline of 2021-2022 work plan.</p>	<p>Provide planning and land use guidance to Council</p> <p>Act as the Approving Authority on all subdivision matters and as Development Authority on some development matters</p> <p>Implement transition plans for outgoing CPC Chair</p> <p>Continue to include diversity and inclusion considerations in member recruitment</p> <p>Update CPC Bylaw (currently on hold due to COVID)</p> <p>Re-launch informal feedback sessions with Councillors</p> <p>Organize online Team Building</p> <p>Introduce strategic planning meeting</p> <p>Adjust site tours to a remote environment</p>
<p>Challenges to fulfilling mandate.</p> <p><i>(COVID impacts will be documented in the next section)</i></p>	<p>Volume and scope of items per meeting can vary</p> <p>Large amount of detailed information required for decisions</p> <p>Complexity of land use planning involves weighing sometimes competing considerations such as health and safety, transportation, political influence, regulatory constraints, financial realities, sustainability, environmental context, social benefits, design aesthetics, natural resources, public feedback, and a variety of other factors</p>
<p>Additional information you would like to share with Council.</p>	<p>N/A</p>



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Impact of COVID-19

<p>How many meetings were held since March 2020?</p>	<p>From March 2020 – December 2020 there were 19 meetings From January 2021 – March 2021 there were 5 meetings</p>
<p>How has public participation in meetings been impacted? Please identify any barriers to accessibility, participation, etc.</p>	<p>Currently Calgary Planning Commission is completely virtual, applicants participate in the meetings using the phone bridge.</p> <p>Barriers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phone bridge can be unpredictable - eVoting/eScribe not always functioning - Delay on the webcast for the applicants watching - Team cohesion more difficult for CPC Members - Virtual meeting etiquette at times overlooked - Non-verbal communication largely missing from interactions - Public involvement requires comfort with remote participation
<p>How do you manage to continue the work of the committee in the current situation?</p>	<p>Proactive, responsive and flexible CPC Members, applicants and file managers adjust well to challenges</p> <p>Excellent support from the Administrative team and City Clerks</p> <p>Leadership from the Chair</p> <p>Technological assistance to ensure meetings run smoothly</p> <p>Opportunity for Team Building at pre-CPC agenda review continues</p> <p>A variety of methods used to ensure open lines of communication</p> <p>Professional development opportunities for CPC Members</p>