

Public Member Continuity in BCC Appointments - Proposed Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council give three readings to Proposed Bylaw 54M2021, the Election Year Continuity of Council Citizen Appointments Bylaw.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In any year in which a General Election is held under the *Local Authorities Election Act*, there may be a delay of some weeks in the annual appointments of citizen members being made to the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees (BCCs). This delay comes as a result of the timing of expiration of appointments, the election, and the ability of a newly-elected Council to appoint a Nominations Committee, which would make recommendations to Council on public member appointments.
- The proposed Bylaw (Attachment 1) provides that, in years in which a General Election is held (including this year), public member appointments remain in effect until successors are appointed by Council.
- What does this mean to Calgarians? Adopting the proposed bylaw ensures all BCCs which need to hold meetings and conduct business have full public membership at all times.
- Why does this matter? The efficient operation of a range of advisory, adjudicative and oversight bodies assists Council in delivering services, programs and good governance.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A well-run city

DISCUSSION

In non-election years, the Nominations Committee meets prior to the Organizational Meeting to consider applications and short lists for public member appointments to BCCs. It then makes recommendations to Council for consideration at the Organizational Meeting. However, in 2020 October, Council adopted the 2021 Council Calendar to ensure Council could focus on Council member appointments at the Organizational Meeting – including appointments to a Nominations Committee, which could meet shortly thereafter to consider public member appointments and shortlists. The recommendations of the Nominations Committee would then be forwarded to Council for consideration at the 2021 November 15 Combined meeting of Council. This process will delay the appointment of public members to various BCCs by two weeks.

While most BCCs are not impacted by the delay, providing BCCs with continued membership until new public members are appointed will ensure there are no governance gaps or quorum issues in the event a particular BCC is required to meet prior to the appointment of public members. This report proposes the adoption of a Bylaw to allow public members, in the year of a General Election under the *Local Authorities Election Act*, to remain as members until a successor is appointed. The need for this extension only arises in the year of an election, where the need to first appoint a Nominations Committee delays the appointment of public members. Where any provision of the proposed Bylaw conflicts with any provincial or federal statute, or legal instrument made under any provincial or federal statute, the provincial or federal statute or legal instrument would prevail.

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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

All Council-established BCCs were notified of the delay in appointing citizen members in 2021.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

Not applicable.

Environmental

Not applicable.

Economic

Not applicable.

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact

RISK

If the proposed bylaw is not adopted, there may be Boards, Commissions and Committees that will not be able to achieve quorum in the event they are required to meet prior to the appointment of public members.

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Bylaw 54M2021

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform