

2015/2017 ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE CALGARY ABORIGINAL URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (CAUAC)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) is one of 80 boards, commissions and committees that provide Calgary City Council with advice for decision making. CAUAC reports annually to Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Community & Protective Services. The primary function of 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. This report provides CAUAC's recommendations to appoint nine citizens to the open member positions; five are returning members and four are new to CAUAC.

CALGARY ABORIGINAL URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

1. Appoint the individuals named in Attachment 1 to serve on the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee for the 2015/2017 term.
2. Direct that Attachment 1 remain confidential under Subsection 17(1) and Section 19 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

PFC2014-0083 approved CAUAC's revised Terms of Reference (TOR); this is the second series of appointments under the revised TOR.

BACKGROUND

CAUAC's TOR were revised in 2014 January, to address long term issues of membership attraction, participation and retention. The primary emphasis of the revised Terms of Reference is to engage CAUAC in the member selection process by recommending prospective applicants to Council. CAUAC's TOR indicates that membership shall be made up of 12 to 14 members of the community, and at least 60 per cent plus one should be Aboriginal and will include one Aboriginal youth. In addition, up to two members may live outside of the City of Calgary but within the Treaty 7 Territory.

CAUAC members should be respected representatives of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, should be well versed in Aboriginal history, culture and current realities, and willing to provide professional advice based on their expertise and knowledge of Aboriginal interests.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Thirty three applications were received through the Public Notice process, and five current members asked to have their membership renewed for another term. In order to review applicants' resumes, each CAUAC member completed a matrix checklist to determine if the applicant met the criteria of: knowledge of Aboriginal history, culture, and current realities, knowledge of urban Aboriginal people and the community, and working experience with Aboriginal people. The information was consolidated to prepare recommendations. This process worked well for CAUAC members, resulting in the applicants recommended in Attachment 1.

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Strategic Alignment

CAUAC provides 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.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Social

No social, environmental, or external economic implications have been identified related to the recommendations in this report.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There are no direct operating budget implications for this report.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no direct capital budget implications for this report.

Risk Assessment

None as a result of this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Annual confirmation of the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) appointments is necessary for the ensuing term.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2015/2017 Organization Appointments to the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) Recommended by CAUAC