



## Calgary Planning Commission

### MANDATE

- To advise and assist Council and co-ordinate the activities of various Departments & agencies of The City regarding the planning of orderly and economical development and maintaining and improving the quality of the physical environment for human settlement within the City;
- To perform those administrative functions as delegated to it by Council pursuant to the Municipal Government Act; and to perform on behalf of Council such functions as Council may require.

### COMPOSITION

11 members:

- 2 members of Council and the Mayor, ex-officio
- 2 Administration members
- 6 public members

### ANNUAL UPDATE & KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Calgary Planning Commission (CPC) provides guidance on important planning matters for the future of our city. Based on a significant history of 111 years, today's CPC 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. Administration makes presentations that include summary of analysis and stakeholder input, and then responds to questions from CPC. Input is also included from the Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) for development permit applications. Applicants are available to answers questions from CPC.

CPC 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 CPC volunteer their time for meetings which can be a significant investment in time.

### 2021/2022 at a glance:

- Hosted 23 meetings from May 2021 to April 2022;
- Reviewed 221 reports from Administration;
- Forwarded 194 Recommendations to Council;
- Made 15 Outline Plan decisions and 14 Development Permit decisions;
- Welcomed five new CPC members;
- Participated in 8 workshops on topics such as:
  - Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 to Support Business Recovery;
  - Discussion of the Symons Valley Centre Integrated Civic Facilities;



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- Midtown Station Growth Node and MDP Amendments;
- Update on Heritage Incentive Areas and Land Use Bylaw Amendments;
- Keystone Hills ASP and MDP Amendments;
- Tomorrow's Chinatown: Chinatown Cultural Plan and Area Redevelopment Plan.

### CHALLENGES

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

### WORKPLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR

- Further diversity and inclusion considerations in CPC member recruitment;
- Expand Learning sessions with CPC members to include all members of Council and their office staff;
- Update CPC Bylaw (was on hold due to COVID);
- Set up an annual session with CPC and UDRP to discuss the effectiveness and value of the UDRP comments to CPC's review process;
- Team Building, including transition back to in person meetings and re-introduction of site tour.

### OPERATIONS

Currently CPC is almost completely virtual except for the Chair and City Clerks. While open for in-person attendance, take-up has been slow with most CPC members, Administration and applicants participating remotely.

The CPC meetings have continued to function well in a remote environment due to:

- Proactive, responsive, and flexible CPC members, applicants and file managers adjust well to challenges;
- Excellent support from the Administrative team and City Clerks;
- Leadership from the Chair;
- Technological assistance to ensure meetings run smoothly.

#### Barriers

- Phone bridge can be unpredictable;
- eVoting/eScribe not always functioning;
- Team cohesion is more difficult for CPC members in virtual format.

### ATTACHMENTS

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