

Climate Advisory Committee Amended Terms of Reference

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council approve Attachment 2, revised Terms of Reference for the Climate Advisory Committee

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Purpose of this report?** The purpose of the report is to respond to Council direction to amend the terms of reference for the Climate Advisory Committee to include citizen representation in the membership composition.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** Broader representation on the advisory committee provides citizens and Council confidence that more comprehensive advice will be provided to Council on the topic of climate action. It also gives Calgarians a voice in climate actions taken by The City of Calgary.
- **Why does it matter?** The Climate Advisory Committee will provide credible, strategic, and independent advice to inform Council on climate action. The advisory committee will enhance Council's leadership, awareness, communication, engagement and advocacy in the implementation of Calgary's Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050, policy, regulation, and procedures.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A healthy and green city
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

On 2022 March 29th, Council approved the establishment of the Climate Advisory Committee and its Terms of Reference (CD2022-0361). On 2022 July 5th, Council approved the Calgary Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050 (CD2022-0465). An amendment to the recommendation followed that directed administration:

To augment or revise the scope of the Climate Advisory Committee terms of reference to include a broader representation of affected and/or interested parties to allow fulsome public engagement which accompanies action planning and to support the Committee with the necessary administrative staff to achieve this goal.

In response to the above direction, Administration has drafted a revised Terms of Reference (see Attachment 2) for the Climate Advisory Committee. Specific changes are limited to Part 6 of the Terms of Reference titled 'Composition' as this is the only section of the terms of reference which directs committee membership. The changes are itemized in the table in Attachment 3 and include:

- Reducing the number of public committee members that meet the climate change knowledge and expertise criteria from all 15 members to eight to 12 members. The remaining one to three members will represent citizens at large, thereby broadening general representation of the advisory committee. Citizens at large must be residents of Calgary who have an interest in climate mitigation and/or adaptation.
- Separating "climate equity" and "community development" into two separate areas of expertise in the knowledge-based selection criteria. This was identified as an error in the initial drafting of the terms of reference.

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- Amending the “low carbon/environmental economics” knowledge-based selection criteria to include finance as this will provide additional expertise to the advisory committee.
- Identifying that the overall membership composition must reflect a diversity of climate change subject areas to ensure broad expertise and representation; and
- Identifying that diversity, equity, and inclusivity must be considered when selecting members.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the Climate Advisory Committee after the first year and may be amended by Council as directed at any time. Final committee membership will be approved by Council at the Organizational Meeting of Council 2022 October.

Administration will continue to engage with technical experts (through the Climate Advisory Committee), industry (through the Climate Panel and other industry working groups) and the general public throughout the implementation of the Calgary Climate Strategy.

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

Public communication or engagement was not required for the purposes of this report. City Administration engaged with the Calgary Climate Panel in the process of establishing the Climate Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

The Climate Advisory Committee has the responsibility of ensuring climate equity is embedded into climate actions, strategies, and policies to reduce disproportionate impacts of climate change on all citizens as well as the equal opportunities to share in the energy transition.

Environmental

The Climate Advisory Committee will support and collaborate on climate action including ensuring the reduction of Calgary’s greenhouse gas emissions and incorporating adaptation actions.

Economic

The Climate Advisory Committee will recognize the financial, social, and environmental cost of climate action in Calgary and include consideration of these costs in municipal decision making.

Service and Financial Implications

City Administration is not asking for any changes to financial implications for the Climate Advisory Committee.

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Existing operating funding - base

RISK

The following risks have been identified:

1. Lack of technical climate change experience and knowledge represented; and
2. Lack of member commitment from citizens at large.

The above risks are considered low to medium. The risks have been mitigated by a properly established and vetted Terms of Reference for the Climate Advisory Committee. The Terms of Reference proposes a membership comprised of multiple perspectives to ensure informed discussion, buy-in, and action for the climate program.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Council Direction
2. Revised Climate Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
3. Summary of Proposed Changes to the Climate Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Department Circulation

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