




BiodiverCity Advisory Committee

 [Terms of Reference](#)

Mandate: The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee provides Council and Administration with strategic advice on matters affecting urban biodiversity in The City of Calgary. The Committee advances the commitments and procedures identified within Our BiodiverCity, Calgary's 10-year biodiversity strategic plan and The Durban Commitment: Local Governments for Biodiversity.

Composition: 5 Members who represent the technical industry or research field
2 Members who represent the ecological literacy field
2 Citizens-at-Large with an interest in biodiversity and ecological literacy
4 Members of City Administration

Composition Details:

5 public members who represent the technical industry or research field with a background in:

- biology
- ecology
- horticulture
- applicable field in engineering (e.g. waste management, storm water management, hydrology, etc)
- planning
- economics
- community health
- recreational management

2 public members who represent the ecological literacy field with a background in:

- art
- education
- communications

2 citizens-at-large with an interest in biodiversity and ecological literacy

Term: Two (2) years - Staggered

- A public member may serve a maximum of six consecutive years.
- Despite the above, a public member may serve until his or her successor is appointed. The service of a member beyond the appointed term shall not count toward the limit on the length of service set out above if the additional service is one year or less.
- When an appointment is made to fill a public member vacancy:
 - o If the balance of the term to be served is one year or less, that service shall not count toward the limit on the length of service; and
 - o If the balance of the term to be served is more than one year, that service shall count toward the limit on the length of service.

- A public member may serve more than six consecutive years by a two-thirds vote of Council.


Term Expiry Month: October

**Meetings: monthly
(no meeting in August)**
Day: 3rd Wednesday
Time: 4:00 to 6:00 PM
Location: Calgary Public Building

Quorum: A minimum of 50% + 1 member of which a minimum of three members representing City Administration is required.

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Reports To: SPC on Community and Protective Services

Website: [Calgary's Biodiversity](#)

Chair	Vice Chair	Member	Role	Current Appointment	Expiry Year
		Nagwan Al-Guneid	Citizen-at-Large	2016	2020
		Geoff Chow	Member who represents the technical industry or research field	2015	2020
		Shannon Gavin	Member who represents the technical industry or research field	2019	2019
		Polly Knowlton Cockett	Member who represents the ecological literacy field	2015	2019
x		John McFaul	Member who represents the technical industry or research field	2015	2020
		Katie Morrison	Citizen-at-Large	2015	2019
		Lea Randall	Member who represents the technical industry or research field	2018	2020
		Mathew Swallow	Member who represents the technical industry or research field	2017	2019
		Quincy Brown	Member of City Administration	2018	2019
		Shane Gagnon	Member of City Administration	2019	2019
	x	Chris Manderson	Member of City Administration	2015	2019
		Natalie Young	Member of City Administration	2017	2019
		{Vacant}	Member who represents the ecological literacy field	0	N/A