



Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee Report

MANDATE

The Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee advises Council and Administration on City policies, strategies, and service delivery in accordance with the Social Wellbeing Principles. ([link](#))

COMPOSITION

14 Members:

- 6 Public Members
- 7 Representatives from various Committees
- The Director of Calgary Neighbourhoods or designate

ANNUAL UPDATE & KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since May 2022, the Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee (SWAC) and its subcommittee, the Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee, have provided advice on 14 projects, strategies or policies and three events, including feedback on: the new Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw and amendments to the Public Behaviour Bylaw, Storm Ponds, Transit, and Affordable Housing.

The committee and subcommittee received training on the Equity Analysis Tool and members participated in the review process for the Equity in Service Delivery Fund. Spanning 10 business units and two community partners, the diversity of initiatives has provided the opportunity for the committee to have a wide-ranging impact across The City of Calgary. Members emphasise the value of the increased representation and intersectional, cross-committee advice members provide on behalf of Calgarians.

The Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee has continued to steward the social wellbeing policy by working with Administration to make improvements to its communications and promoted its advisory role to six targeted business units through presentations. The Committee led a collaborative cross committee working group to plan and host an Inter-Committee event that brought together members of 10 different City of Calgary committees. The event served to build relationships and identified opportunities for improvements in communication and connection, capacity building, transparency, accountability, and a prevention approach to social issues.

The Social Wellbeing Committee established a working group to review policies and processes that respond to potential inappropriate behaviour by members of City Council. The Integrity and Ethics Office presented to the working group on recent updates to the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials and answered questions from members. The working group is currently determining its next steps and any recommendations from the group will be provided to the Integrity and Ethics Office for consideration.

Business Unit	Project
Emergency Management & Community Safety	Emergency Preparedness Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw
Calgary Transit	RouteAhead
Water Services	Storm Ponds Notice of Motion
City and Regional Planning	Building Choice in Neighbourhoods



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City Clerk's Office	Assessment Review Board Chair Appointment Process
Waste & Recycling Services	Single-Use Plastics
Community Strategies	Equity Analysis Tool Orientation 2022 Equity in Service Delivery Update 2023 Equity in Service Delivery Proposal Review Transgender Day of Visibility
City and Regional Planning	RouteAhead Update
Parks and Open Spaces	Connect: Calgary's Park Plan
Partnerships	Eventful City Strategy- Greyhound Site Housing and Affordability Task Force
External Partners	Project
Telus Spark (civic partner)	Operation Minerva
Equal Voice/ She Governs	She Governs

CHALLENGES

The Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee has been challenged by time constraints, both with respect to sufficient time for the committee to engage in meaningful conversations about complex issues and to address the number of issues being brought forward for consultation. In some cases, there is not enough information provided in the request, or the project timelines are so long that it can be difficult to follow a project from start to finish. The committee intends to take an increasingly proactive approach to focus on priority issues where members can have the most impact. Also, the committee would like to build on the success of the Inter-Committee Event to steward relationships with other sub/committees and streamline processes that limit duplication of efforts.

WORKPLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Please see attached.

OPERATIONS

Since May 2022, collectively the Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee and the Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee have met 19 times. There have been numerous additional working group meetings including hosting the Inter-Committee Event. Chairs and Vice Chairs have additional meetings to set meeting agendas and other tasks, such as the review of new member applications. Members participated both in person and virtually using a hybrid approach. For the upcoming year, the committee will continue to host hybrid meetings as the opportunity to attend virtually has proven effective in minimizing barriers for some members to participate.

ATTACHMENTS

A. 2023-2024 Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee Work Plan



Focus Area	Task	Measure of Success	'Responsibility' in Terms of Reference
Stewardship of Social Wellbeing	Present on Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee to select members of Administration and other BCCs.	Presentations provided to five targeted business units/BCC.	Support Administration in the stewardship of the Social Wellbeing Principles, including advising on the development of processes and mechanisms to advance the Social Wellbeing Policy.
	Advise on the review of the Social Wellbeing Policy.	Social Wellbeing Policy review completed and endorsed by the committee.	
Consultation and Advice	Prioritize City policies and strategies up for review and of most relevance for the committee and make recommendations to Administration.	Recommendations presented to Council on at least five policies or strategies per year.	Advise Council and Administration on opportunities to advance the Social Wellbeing Principles during the development of or revisions to Administration and Council policies, strategies, or service delivery.
	To advise on the needs of community that support Council and Administration in identifying trends and issues to consider.	Standing item for discussion in meetings.	
Process & Committee Coordination	Identify opportunities for collaboration between committees represented on the Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee.	Will identify two opportunities for cross-committee collaboration.	Play a coordinating role with Administration committees and Council advisory committees (as outlined in 'composition') when necessary.
	Advance the mandate of new and existing subcommittees including the Gender Equity Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee.	This sub-committee will meet at least five times over the next 12 months. Updates will be provided via Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee meetings.	
	Identify opportunities to increase transparency and awareness of the Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee.	Explore opportunities to increase the public profile and engage community (sharing key messages, community events, public email, etc.)	