



Calgary Planning Commission Report

MANDATE

Calgary Planning Commission (CPC) provides guidance on important planning matters for the future of our city. CPC advises and assists Council and co-ordinates the activities of various Departments & agencies of The City with regard to the planning of orderly and economical development and maintaining and improving the quality of the physical environment for human settlement within the city. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Review and approval outline plans and tentative plans;
- Advising Council on land use matters;
- Review and approval of development permit applications as a Development Authority; and
- Review and recommendations on municipal projects referred to it.

CPC may also perform those administrative functions as delegated to it by Council pursuant to the Municipal Government Act; and perform on behalf of Council such functions as Council may require.

COMPOSITION

11 Members:

- 2 Councillors and the Mayor (ex officio)
- 6 Public Members
- 2 Administration

ANNUAL UPDATE & KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Based on a significant history of 112 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 and responds to questions from CPC. The CPC report includes highlights of the proposal, summary of analysis, and public input. Input from Community Associations is included as part of the report. Input is also included from the Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) for development permit applications. CPC may call on Applicants to answer questions on technical matters related to an application.

Calgary Planning Commission 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 Calgary Planning Commission volunteer their time for meetings which can be a significant time commitment.

2022/2023 at a glance

- Hosted 24 meetings from May 2022 to April 2023
- Reviewed 191 reports from Administration
- Forwarded 176 Recommendations to Council
- Made 11 Outline Plan decisions and 8 Development Permit decisions
- Welcomed two new CPC Members



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- Continuous improvements to CPC report format
- Participated in nine workshops on topics such as:
 - Missing Middle Housing (two sessions)
 - Westbrook Local Area Plan
 - Heritage Communities Local Area Plan
 - Heritage Guidelines for North Hill Local Area Plan
 - Stephen Avenue Quarter
 - Bridgeland Pedestrian Bridge
 - Enabling Climate Action through the Land Use Bylaw
 - Direct Control Heritage Area bylaw

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
- Create and deliver an onboarding and learning program for CPC
- Calgary Planning Commission review and update of the CPC Bylaw
- 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 re-introduction of site tour

OPERATIONS

Calgary Planning Commission has transitioned almost completely to in-person meetings following work from home orders due to the global pandemic. This includes presentations from Administration and applicant attendance. The ability to attend virtually is still an option and is used at times by the CPC members, Administration, and applicants.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A