Background and Previous Council Direction

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2023 June 06	EC2023-0610	Re-Establishing Calgary Salutes NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:
		1. Establish, by bylaw, a new 'Calgary Salutes Committee', including:
		a) A structure featuring a parent committee with the mandate to coordinate the support and planning of local military ceremonial and community through the activities of three sub-committees, namely;
		a. the existing Friends of HMCS Calgary, with increased membership;
		b. two further sub-committees with mandates to:
		i. Support military heritage and history education programs; and
		ii. Support coordination of local social and employment programs;
		b) a draft terms of reference, to be refined in consultation with the military and veteran community during its first year.
		2. Bring the proposed Bylaw contemplated in recommendation 1 to the 25 July 2023 Public Hearing of Council, to allow sufficient time for Administration to work with community-based organizations and military associations to bring forward nominees for consideration during the 2023 annual recruitment process for Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
2020 May 12	CPS2020- 0790	The Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee was established, marking the 25th anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Calgary.

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

Council Policy

Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees CP2016-03

1. POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 The City of Calgary (The City) is committed to open, inclusive and equitable management of the Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCCs) recruitment and appointments process. The resulting decisions and work of the BCCs supports good governance and a well-run City inclusive of Community members' leadership in governance.

1.2 The appointment of Public Members to serve on BCCs is important to The City in order to:

- a) Bring specific skills and expertise that contribute to good governance;
- b) Represent people interested in, and impacted by, City decisions and processes;
- c) Represent specific groups of service users; and
- d) Provide a variety of perspectives, reflecting the diversity of the community.

1.3 The appointment of Members of Council and Administration to serve on BCCs promotes collaboration and collective decision-making with Public Members, ensuring that Calgarians, communities and customers of The City are better served.

1.4 BCCs are created with a clear purpose and are provided the support and resources required to fulfill their mandate.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this Council policy is to establish guidelines respecting:

- 2.1.1 The establishment, mandate and disbandment of City BCCs and duties of City Chairs;
- 2.1.2 The process for appointing Council Members and Administration Members to BCCs;
- 2.1.3 The process for appointing Public Members to BCCs.



Meeting Date: 2023 May 23

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Re-Establishing Calgary Salutes

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Penner, Councillor Spencer, Mayor Gondek

WHEREAS the community has expressed a desire and need to support Calgary-based soldiers and their families;

AND WHEREAS an active Calgary Salutes Committee fostered community awareness and support of Calgary Garrison soldiers, sailors, and aviators deploying overseas until CFB Calgary closed in 1998;

AND WHEREAS Calgary is home for numerous Canadian Armed Forces units with approximately 1,000 part time and full time members and their families living in the region;

AND WHEREAS Calgary has thousands more veterans and their families living in the region;

AND WHEREAS Calgary's active community of military members and family includes but isn't limited to Veterans, Reservists, and Regular Force members who have served on a wide variety of combat, peacekeeping, international, and domestic operations;

AND WHEREAS Calgary has a strong history of supporting the military and its veterans through organizations such as the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC), The Military Museums, Field of Crosses and dozens of other community organizations;

AND WHEREAS an existing support system is in place for 265 active duty members of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Calgary through a unique and distinct relationship having a council committee: Friends of HMCS Calgary;

AND WHEREAS the coordination of community activities in the Calgary Region related to all aspects of Military and Veteran lives would lead to a cohesive community-embedded practice which encourages the participation of all Calgarians.

AND WHEREAS Calgary Salutes provided the model for this type of community coordination, and even for the establishment of the active Edmonton Salutes Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:

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