



## Ward Boundary Commission Review of Council Composition & Effectiveness

2023 June 6



# Recommendations (Slide 1 of 2)

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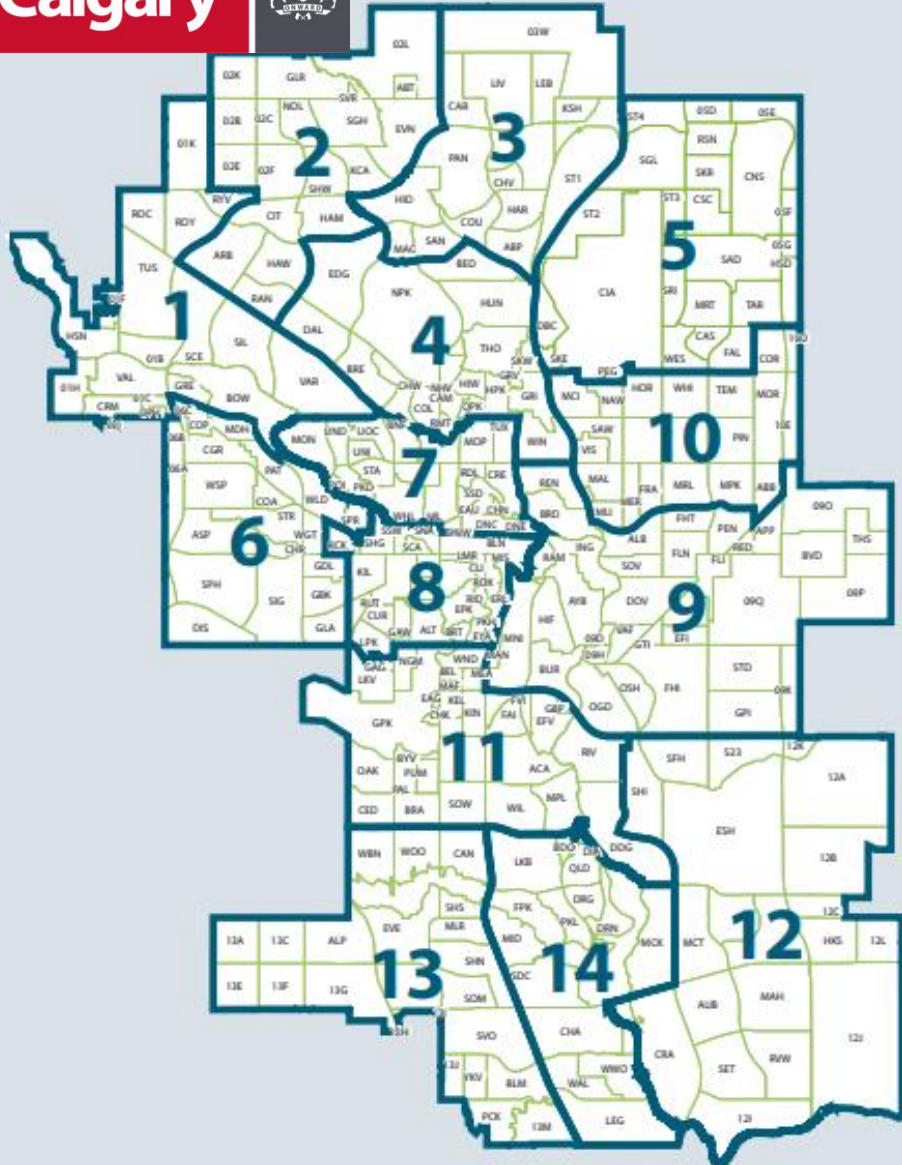
That Council choose either Option A or Option B, and:

## Option B:

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# Previous Council Direction



- 2014 November 14, Council directed Administration to “Address the number of Councillors following the 2021 General Election.”
- 2019 October 21, Council amended Council Policy CC017
  - Current ward boundary determination and review framework
- 2020 October 5, Council approved Bylaw 19M91
  - Current ward boundaries



# Highlights (Slide 1 of 2)

- In response to previous Council direction, this report presents two options for Council to address the number of Councillors following the 2021 General Election:

Activities – Current Term	Option A: Ward Boundary Commission	Option B: Ward Boundary Commission
Review number of Councillors	✓	
Engage Ward Boundary Commission	✓	✓
Review effectiveness of 14 wards	✓	✓

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- This report:
  - complies with the Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy to review of the city's population deviation in each ward to determine if ward boundary changes are required for the 2025 General Election; and
  - in keeping with the Policy, no changes to ward boundaries are required for the 2025 General Election.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** Should Council direct a Ward Boundary Commission, Calgarians will have the opportunity to provide input on effective representation.
- **Why does this matter?** Regular review of Council's composition and alignment with the Policy requirement help to facilitate effective representation for Calgarians.





# Current Ward Population Deviation

**Total population:**  
1,306,855

**Mean (avg.) population per ward:**  
93,346

**Deviation threshold triggering review:**  
+/- 15% (not to exceed +/- 25%)  
of mean population

\*Source: 2021 Federal Census

Ward	2021 Population*	Deviation (%)
1	89,100	-4.6
2	96,385	3.3
3	86,020	-7.9
4	89,460	-4.2
5	106,710	14.3
6	99,185	6.3
7	80,645	-13.6
8	96,750	3.7
9	87,110	-6.7
10	90,145	-3.4
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12	102,060	9.3
13	91,990	-1.5
14	87,540	-6.2



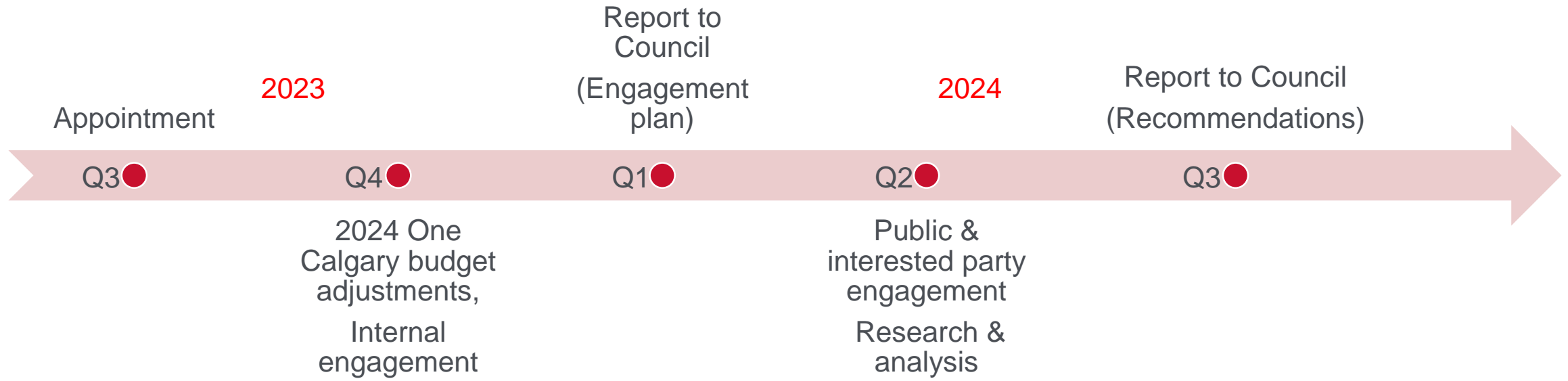
- Independent and impartial
- 5 voting members:
  - One person who understands The City from a political and organizational perspective, such as a former member of Council who has not sought election in the most recent election;
  - Two electors with an interest and expertise in political science, public policy, or urban issues; and
  - Two residents of Calgary.
- Includes the Returning Officer or delegate (non-voting member).
- Will conduct internal and public engagement.
- Will report back to Council with two reports:
  1. Engagement plan: public and interested parties.
  2. Recommendations: Council composition and effectiveness.



- Directs forming a Ward Boundary Commission.
- Approves Ward Boundary Commission engagement plan.
- Considers the Ward Boundary Commission's recommendations related to Council composition, effectiveness measures and changes to the Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy.
- Directs Council composition and effectiveness measures.
- Approves amendments to Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy.



# Ward Boundary Commission Timeline





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