



## Boards, Commissions & Committees

### 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 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 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

4 members of City Administration from the following Departments:

- Planning and Development
- Law
- Community Services
- Transportation
- Utilities & Environmental Protection

**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        |
|       |            | Meaghan Brierley       | Member who represents the ecological literacy field            | 2015                | 2020        |
|       |            | Geoff Chow             | Member who represents the technical industry or research field | 2015                | 2020        |
|       |            | 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        |
|       |            |                        | Member of City   |                     |             |

|  |   |                 |  |      |      |
|--|---|-----------------|--|------|------|
|  |   | Shane Gagnon    | 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 technical industry or research field | 0    | N/A  |

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