

Summary of Proposed Changes to Calgary Police Commission Bylaw 25M97

Section of Bylaw	Key Changes and Rationale
Bylaw Preamble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add statement explaining why the Commission exists.
Section 3 – Creation and Appointment of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjust the number of Council appointees from 12 to nine. This change is required by the province’s new Police Act. • Indicate that Council will endeavour to appoint Members who reflect the diversity of Calgary and the Indigenous community. • Add clauses for the provincial Minister to address Member’s prolonged absences from Commission meetings. • Require that appointees pass an enhanced security clearance. This formalizes the existing practice and ensures strong background screening of appointees.
Section 4 – Removal of a Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand section to include process for Commission to follow when either a Council appointee or provincial appointee has seriously breached policies or codes of conduct. • Include the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, when appropriate.
Section 5 – Duties of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove any duties of the Commission that are outlined in the Police Act to prevent any future conflict or confusion.
Section 5(3) – Collective Bargaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the wording to reflect current collective bargaining process.
Section 5(4) – Ratification of Police Chief Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend wording to better align with Police Act. • Move desired information about a new police chief’s contract into the bylaw so the November 1996 protocol that outlines this can be rescinded. • These changes bring the bylaw up to date with a 2005 Police Act amendment and brings all requirements around police chief contract ratifications into one place for clarity.
Section 6(1) – Election of Commission Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove procedure for electing a chair and vice chairs as this is outlined in the Police Act and could create future conflict or confusion.
Section 6(2) – Procedure Bylaw Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt the Commission from following the Procedure Bylaw and require that it establish its own procedures. This change will simplify the legislative framework under which the Commission

	operates and will eliminate procedural requirements that the Commission is not able to meet. Procedure rules have been included in this bylaw.
Section 6(4) – Role of Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update to reflect current role of the Executive Director.
Section 7 – Access to Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove as it outlines a different process than the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Since access to information and a right of appeal is already protected through provincial legislation, there is no need for the bylaw to include this section and it creates conflict and confusion to keep it.
Section 9 – Accounts and Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update to reflect current financial reporting practices.