

# Background

Official Symbol of Calgary – City Bird

## Context

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Bird Friendly Calgary applied to Nature Canada to be certified as a Bird Friendly City on 2021 April 30, which was received on 2021 May 7. Nature Canada recommended that to retain The City of Calgary's ("The City") Bird Friendly certification, The City designate a City Bird via a public vote.

## Previous Council Direction

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On 2022 March 29, Council adopted a Notice of Motion and provided the following direction to Administration:

That Administration support the selection of a City Bird through an online voting system in partnership with Bird Friendly Calgary from 2022 April 1-May 1;

That the results of the official City Bird vote are announced on World Migratory Day on 2022 May 14; and

That the winner of the official City Bird vote is adopted and recognized as an official symbol of Calgary at the 2022 June 7 Combined Meeting of Council.

**Timeline: Official Symbol of Calgary - City Bird**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	<b>DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION</b>
2021 April 30	Not applicable	Bird Friendly City application to Nature Canada (Bird Friendly Calgary)
2021 May 7	Not applicable	Bird Friendly City certification received from Nature Canada (Bird Friendly Calgary)
2022 March 15	EC2022-0357	Notice of Motion – Official City Bird: Executive Committee Meeting That Notice of Motion EC2022-0357 be forwarded to the 2022 March 29 Combined Meeting of Council. Motion carried.
2022 March 29	EC2022-0357	Notice of Motion – Official City Bird: Combined Meeting of Council That administration support the selection of a City Bird through an online voting system in partnership with Bird Friendly Calgary from April 1-May 1; That the results of the official City Bird vote are announced on World Migratory Bird Day on 2022 May 14; and That the winner of the official City Bird vote is adopted and recognized as an official symbol of Calgary at the 2022 June 7 Combined Meeting of Council. Motion Carried.
2022 March 29 – 2022 May 2	Not applicable	Vote period for the official City bird (Calgary.ca and Bird Friendly Calgary website) by the public, officially opened on 2022 March 29 Five contenders: Blue Jay, Black-billed Magpie, Northern Flicker, Black-capped Chickadee and Red-breasted Nuthatch
2022 March 14 (World Migratory Bird Day)	Not applicable	Announcement of the winner of the public vote for the official City bird Black-capped Chickadee was announced as the winner.