

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

The Ward Boundary Commission (“the Commission”) acts as an independent and impartial body that leads the work on City-wide ward boundary reviews and other matters directed by Council, including Council composition and effectiveness. After considering Report C2023-0496, Council established a Ward Boundary Commission through Bylaw 28M2023 on 2023 June 6.

Recruitment of Public Members of the Commission was included in the 2023 Boards, Commissions and Committees annual recruitment campaign. Five Public Members were appointed to the Commission at the Organizational Meeting of Council held on 2023 October 24.

On 2023 November 3, the City Clerk’s Office was notified that one Public Member resigned from the Commission for personal reasons.

Previous Council Direction

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

Bylaw Number 28M2023 – Bylaw of the City of Calgary to Establish a Ward Boundary Commission

Composition of the Committee

5. (1) The *Commission* shall consist of 5 voting members as follows:
 - (a) 1 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;
 - (b) 2 electors with an interest and expertise in political science, public policy or urban issues; and
 - (c) 2 residents of Calgary.
- (2) The *Commission* will include one non-voting member, being the Returning Officer or their designate.

Term

6. (1) Members will be appointed at the 2023 Organizational Meeting of *Council* for a term which commences November 1, 2023.

(2) Members' term will end at the date the final recommendations report is

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2023 June 6	C2023-0496	<p>Ward Boundary Commission Review of Council Composition and Effectiveness</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council directed Administration to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recruit a Ward Boundary Commission through the 2023 Boards, Commissions and Committees process to review the effectiveness of the 14-ward system with no change to the number of Councillors as set out in Attachment 1; b. Include one-time funding of \$176,000 to the City Clerk's Office 2024 budget for the operation of the Ward Boundary Commission for consideration during the 2024 One Calgary budget adjustment deliberations; and, c. Consult with the Ward Boundary Commission to prepare a service and financial impact analysis of the Ward Boundary Commission's recommendations, to be presented with the Ward Boundary Commission's final report in Q3 2024. 2. Gave three readings to Bylaw 28M2023 to establish a Ward Boundary Commission and set out the terms of reference of the Commission (Attachment 3); and, give three readings to Bylaw 28M2023 to establish a Ward Boundary Commission and set out the terms of reference of the Ward Boundary Commission (Attachment 3); and, 3. Rescinded "Schedule A" from Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy (CP2019-04) (Attachment 4).
2023 October 24	N2023-0870	<p>Public Member Appointments to Calgary Salutes Committee, Saddledome Foundation and Ward Boundary Commission</p> <p>Council appointed five Public Members to the Commission for terms commencing 2023 November 1 and ending at the date the Commission's final recommendations report is presented to Council.</p> <p>presented to <i>Council</i>.</p>

Council Policy CP2016-03 – Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees

Mid-term Vacancies

- 5.18.3 Upon notification of a vacancy, the City Clerk's Office shall contact the Reserve List applicants to determine if the applicants are still interested and available to serve as a Public Member. The resulting Reserve List will be submitted to Council and may be used to fill the vacancy.