

Ward Boundary Commission Chair Report to
Ward Boundary Commission
2024 January 19

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Ward Boundary Commission Public Engagement Plan and Timeline

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a recommended public engagement plan and timeline to the Ward Boundary Commission to be considered by Council on their 2023 January 30 Regular Meeting in keeping with the Ward Boundary Commission Bylaw 28M2023.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the 2023 June 06 Regular Meeting of Council, Council approved the Ward Boundary Commission Bylaw and gave direction to review the effectiveness of the 14-ward system with no change to the number of Councillors (Attachment 1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Ward Boundary Commission recommend that Council approve the public engagement plan and timeline (Attachment 2).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE WARD BOUNDARY COMMISSION, 2024 JANUARY 19:

That Council approve the public engagement plan and timeline (Attachment 2).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Public engagement will gather feedback and perceptions of Calgarians regarding the effectiveness and opportunities to improve Council's 14-ward system.
- Public engagement is one of several inputs the Ward Boundary Commission will consider for their final recommendations to Council in Q3.
- The Ward Boundary Commission Bylaw 28M2023 (Attachment 3) outlines the framework for public engagement.

DISCUSSION

The framework for public engagement is set by the Ward Boundary Commission Bylaw 28M2023 (Attachment 3). Public engagement will include the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School Division.

On 2023 December 8, the Ward Boundary Commission received a verbal presentation from the Engage Resource Unit on a proposed engagement approach and tactics to effectively consult with the public on the topic of effectiveness of Council within the 14-ward system.

The Ward Boundary Commission has developed a public engagement plan and timeline (Attachment 2) for Council's consideration. A public communications strategy will be developed alongside the engagement plan to inform Calgarians about the engagement opportunities and encourage them to participate.

In addition to the public engagement, the Ward Boundary Commission will also conduct internal engagement and discussions through meetings with Members of Council and their staff, Ethics and Integrity Office, as well as the Chief Administrative Officer and select groups in City

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Administration. Additional research to support analysis and recommendations will also be conducted by Members of the Commission.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken | <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

Public engagement or communication was not required to deliver this report.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

Not Applicable.

Environmental

Not Applicable.

Economic

Not Applicable.

Service and Financial Implications

Existing operating funding - one-time

Funding for public engagement activities and communication was approved during the 2024 One Calgary budget adjustment deliberations.

RISK

If the public is not consulted, there is a risk that the information used by the Ward Boundary Commission to develop recommendations may be lacking the knowledge and experiences of communities and residents.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Previous Council Direction, Background
2. Public Engagement Plan and Timeline
3. Ward Boundary Commission Bylaw 28M2023
4. Presentation

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