

Law, Legislative Services & Security Report to
Regular Meeting of Council
2024 January 30

ISC: UNRESTRICTED
C2024-0022

Ward Boundary Adjustments

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council direction to adjust ward boundaries to align with recent City of Calgary land annexations that occurred in 2023 in keeping with the *Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy*.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the 2019 October 21 Combined Meeting of Council, Council approved the proposed *Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy CP2019-04* (Attachment 1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council direct the Returning Officer to return no later than Q3, 2024 with recommendations to adjust ward boundaries to align with recent City of Calgary land annexations.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Changes to ward boundaries are necessary to align annexed land with Calgary's ward boundaries.
- Two land annexations have occurred since the current ward boundaries were established in 2021.
- No residents are affected by these annexations or adjustments to the ward boundaries.
- The *Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy* outlines the framework for ward boundaries to be adjusted due to annexations.

DISCUSSION

The *Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy* (Attachment 1) sets out a framework for adjusting ward boundaries. Adjustments occur because of annexation or development of a community that causes new homes or streets to be split by the existing ward boundary or other minor changes to align with community boundaries. The *Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy* provides that Council has the responsibility to give direction to the Returning Officer to conduct ward boundary adjustments.

The current ward boundaries came into effect on 2021 October 18. On 2021 December 8, The Province of Alberta ordered a land annexation along Tsuut'ina Trail SW from Rocky View County to The City of Calgary (Attachment 2) and on 2023 November 29, The Province of Alberta ordered a land annexation along 101 Street SW from The City of Calgary to Rocky View County (Attachment 3).

Adjustments to the ward boundaries will not impact any residents and will not change the population within the 14-ward system.

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The work involved with adjusting ward boundaries because of recent annexations does not form part of the current Ward Boundary Commission's mandate, which is to review the effectiveness of the 14-ward system with no change to the number of Councillors.

The *Municipal Government Act* requires that a bylaw to enact recommended ward boundary changes be advertised and passed by December 31 of the year before the General Election. The revised boundaries would take effect on Election Day, 2025 October 20.

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

The current Ward Boundary Commission was informed about the work and roles involved with adjusting ward boundaries because of recent annexations.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

Not applicable.

Environmental

Not applicable.

Economic

Not applicable.

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact.

RISK

If no changes are made to ward boundaries, there is the risk that ward boundaries will not be aligned with City boundaries in advance of the 2025 General Election.

ATTACHMENTS

1. *Ward Boundary Determination and Review Policy CC2019-04*
2. Order in Council 364/2021
3. Order in Council 210/2023

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