

People, Innovation & Collaboration Services Report to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
2024 March 21

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Protocol (Relationship) Agreement Requests

PURPOSE

This report acknowledges the Blackfoot Confederacy's request to co-create a protocol agreement with The City of Calgary. Administration is seeking direction from Council to scope out and identify the resources needed to support the development and ongoing implementation of Protocol Agreements, provide considerations and identify The City's next steps.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend Council to direct Administration, in support of The City of Calgary's commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, to:

1. Scope out and identify the resources needed to support Protocol Agreements with Nations;
2. Begin with scoping and identifying the resources for a Protocol Agreement in response to the request made through the Mayor's Office 2023 November 16 by the Blackfoot Confederacy; and
3. Report back to Council on the results of the scoping work and the resources required through the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee no later than the end of Q2, 2024.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

General Manager Chris Arthurs concurs with this report and recommendation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Blackfoot Confederacy is the first Indigenous group to request a formal relationship agreement with The City of Calgary.
- A Protocol Agreement could be foundational for building relationships between The City of Calgary and Indigenous Peoples. It would be a commitment to continuously work together.
- The City of Calgary does not currently have Protocol Agreements with any First Nation or Indigenous group; the province of Alberta has reached three First Nations agreements since 2019.

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- Since the creation of Protocol Agreements is relatively new, it is important to undertake work to understand them and their impacts on both The City and the First Nations or Indigenous groups.
- The City should be prepared to receive similar requests from other First Nations or Indigenous groups in the future.

DISCUSSION

On 2023 November 16, the Mayor's Office received a letter from the Blackfoot Confederacy requesting that The City of Calgary enter into negotiations with the Blackfoot Confederacy on the development of a protocol agreement.

Protocol Agreements can establish a framework of cooperation on areas that impact social, environmental and economic areas, such as (but not limited to) areas that municipalities may be able to support:

- Housing
- Mental Health, Addictions and Opioid Crisis
- Emergency Management
- Environmental and lands
- Economic Development
- Culture and Language
- Tourism
- Reconciliation

The role of The City of Calgary in Protocol Agreements needs to be consistent with the Municipal Government Act, Alberta Law and the Canadian Constitution while considering the principles set out in the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

In 2016, Calgary City Council accepted the White Goose Flying Report and its accompanying Calls to Action, moving Calgary forward along the path of Reconciliation. Since then, The City has been working diligently to implement Calls to Action. Creating a protocol agreement aligns with the White Goose Flying Report's Call to Action of creating conditions of mutual respect and sustained collaboration (Action #45.iii).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Blackfoot Confederacy Protocol Agreement Request
2. Presentation

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Chris Arthurs	People, Innovation & Collaboration Services	Approve

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