

Law, Legislative Services & Security Report to
Executive Committee
2024 May 14

ISC: UNRESTRICTED
EC2024-0376

Amendments to the Council Policy on Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to propose amendments to the Council Policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* (CP2016-03) to update the eligibility requirements of Public Members serving on City Boards, Commissions and Committees (“BCCs”).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

At its Organizational Meeting of Council on 2023 October 24, with respect to Report N2023-0817, Council amended the Anti-Racism Action Committee’s Terms of Reference to allow for the appointment of up to two Indigenous members who reside outside of Calgary, but are residents of the Treaty 7 region.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Committee recommend that Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Council Policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* (CP2016-03).

CITY MANAGER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

The City Solicitor and General Counsel concurs with this Report.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The proposed amendments to the Council Policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* CP2016-03, outlined in Attachment 1, will allow Indigenous persons who reside outside of the city of Calgary, but in the surrounding area, to be appointed as Public Members on City BCCs.
- The proposed Council Policy amendments will:
 - remove barriers to civic participation, contributing to good governance;
 - acknowledge the respect and relationship between the City of Calgary and Indigenous peoples in the Treaty 7 region; and
 - support Social resilience in fostering a city that lives its commitment to reconciliation, promotes community engagement and participation, and actively works to address systemic discrimination in all forms.

DISCUSSION

The City Clerk’s Office is proposing to amend provisions respecting the eligibility of Public Members in the Council Policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* (CP2016-03). This proposal aligns with the previous Council direction from the 2023 October 24 Organizational Meeting of Council to amend the Anti-Racism Action Terms of Reference to allow for Indigenous persons residing in the Treaty 7 region to be appointed to City BCCs.

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The proposed amendments would make the following people eligible to be appointed as Public members:

Indigenous persons who may reside outside of Calgary but are residents of the Calgary surrounding area within the Treaty 7 region, including those Indigenous persons who belong to the Blackfoot Confederacy, made up of the Siksika, Piikani, Amskaapiikani and Kainai First Nations; the Îlethka Nakoda Wîcastabi First Nations, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations; and the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and those persons who are Métis, including citizens of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government residing in Foothills Métis District 1, Medicine Hat Métis District 2, Red Deer Métis District 3, Rocky View Métis District 4, Calgary Nose Hill Métis District 5 and Elbow Métis District 6.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken | <input checked="" 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 |

Engagement

The Indigenous Relations Office was consulted, and they, in turn, engaged with members of the Anti-Racism Action Committee and the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee. All interested parties support the proposed wording and changes to Council Policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* CP2016-03.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

The proposed Council Policy update aligns with the Council Policy on *Social Wellbeing* (CP2019-01) by removing barriers to civic participation and promoting inclusion.

Environmental

Not applicable.

Economic

Not applicable.

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact.

RISK

None.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Summary of Proposed Amendments to Council Policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* CP2016-03
2. Proposed Council Policy on Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees CP2016-03 - blacklined version
3. Background and Previous Council Direction
4. Presentation

Department Circulation

| General Manager/Director | Department | Approve/Consult/Inform |
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| Jill Floen, City Solicitor and General Counsel | Law, Legislative Services and Security | Approve |
| Katarzyna Martin, Director/City Clerk | Law, Legislative Services and Security | Approve |

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