

Law, Legislative Services & Security Report to  
Public Hearing Meeting of Council  
2024 July 16

ISC: UNRESTRICTED  
C2024-0513

## **2025 Adjustments to Ward Boundaries**

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### **PURPOSE**

This report responds to Council's direction to bring forward a bylaw to adjust ward boundaries to align with recent City of Calgary land annexations, to come into effect on 2025 October 20. No residents, existing communities or businesses are affected by these annexations or adjustments to the ward boundaries.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

On 2024 January 30, Council adopted the following motion: "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."

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That Council hold a non-statutory public hearing on 2024 July 16 with respect to proposed Bylaw 29M2024;
2. That Council give first reading to Proposed Bylaw 29M2024, to repeal and replace Bylaw 19M91; and
3. Direct the Returning Officer to give statutory notice of Council's intent to give second and third readings of Bylaw 29M2024 at the 2024 October 29 Regular Meeting of Council.

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

The General Manager concurs with this report.

### **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, existing communities or businesses 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 land annexations.
- Definitions were updated in Proposed Bylaw 29M2024, in keeping with current bylaw drafting standards.
- Ward boundary bylaw amendments must be passed by December 31 in the year preceding a General Election year (i.e., 2024 December 31 for the 2025 October 20 General Election).

### **DISCUSSION**

The proposed Electoral Ward Boundaries Bylaw (Bylaw 29M2024) is appended as Attachment 1. Maps highlighting the areas for adjustments are included as Attachment 2.

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The *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) requires:

- Ward boundary changes to be advertised at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper [MGA, sec 606(2)(a)]; and,
- Following the last day of advertisement, sixty (60) calendar days be provided to allow an elector to submit a petition regarding ward boundaries [MGA, sec 231(1)].

As a result, second and third reading of Proposed Bylaw 29M2024 are recommended to occur at the 2024 October 29 Regular Meeting of Council. Once Bylaw 29M2024 is in effect, the current Ward Boundaries Bylaw 19M91 will be repealed and replaced with Bylaw 29M2024.

**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 |

No residents or businesses are affected by these adjustments to the ward boundaries. As required by the MGA, a bylaw passed under section 148 must be advertised [MGA, sec. 151(3)].

**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, the ward boundaries will not be in line with city boundaries in advance of the 2025 General Election.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Bylaw 29M2024
2. Ward Boundary Adjustments Maps

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