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Law, Legislative Services & Security Report to the Organizational Meeting of Council 2024 October 22

## 2024-2025 Council Chamber Seating Plan

## **PURPOSE**

This Report presents an annual, randomly selected Council Chamber seating plan for Council's consideration.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Council adopted the proposed 2023-2024 Council Chamber seating plan at the 2023 October 24 Organizational Meeting of Council, effective the 2023 November 7 Regular Meeting of Council, until the conclusion of the 2024 Organizational Meeting of Council (Attachment 1).

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That Council adopt the proposed 2024-2025 Council Chamber seating plan as set out in Attachment 2, effective the first Regular Meeting of Council following the 2024 Organizational Meeting of Council, until the conclusion of the 2025 Organizational Meeting of Council.

## CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

The City Solicitor and General Counsel concurs with this Report.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- This Report presents a proposed Council Chamber seating plan, selected randomly by the City Clerk, to be effective the first Regular Meeting of Council following the 2024 Organizational Meeting of Council, on 2024 October 29 until the conclusion of the 2025 Organizational Meeting of Council.
- The Council Chamber seating plan has changed annually since 2017 as directed in Notice of Motion C2017-1179, with consideration given to ergonomic and accessibility concerns as identified by Councillors.
- The 2024-2025 Council Chamber seating plan configuration will form the basis of the display of the electronic vote results for Council meetings.

## **DISCUSSION**

The first phase of renovations to Council Chamber that were completed during the 2024 August Council Recess and included improvements to the ergonomics of Council Chamber desks, making all Council Chamber desks height-adjustable, mitigating some ergonomic concerns.

#### EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Public engagement was undertaken	$\boxtimes$	Dialogue with interested parties was
Public/interested parties were		undertaken
informed	$\boxtimes$	Public communication or
		engagement was not required

Following engagement with Councillors to take accessibility and ergonomics into account, the City Clerk randomly drew Councillor names to assign seats in the Council Chamber.

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## **IMPLICATIONS**

Social

Not Applicable

**Environmental** 

Not Applicable

**Economic** 

Not Applicable

**Service and Financial Implications** 

No anticipated financial impact

## RISK

No anticipated risks

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Background and Previous Council Direction
- 2. Proposed 2024-2025 Council Chamber Seating Plan
- 3. Presentation

## **Department Circulation**

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Jill Floen, City Solicitor and General Counsel	Law, Legislative Services & Security	Approve
	Low Logislative Convince & Courity	Approve
Katarzyna Martin, Director/City Clerk	Law, Legislative Services & Security	Approve

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