

Agreement Request - Bearspaw Nation

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Recommendations

That the Executive Committee recommend that Council direct Administration to initiate work to develop a Protocol Agreement with Bearspaw Nation, and report back to Council through the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee with the agreement for approval, upon completion.



Background

Bearspaw Nation:

- 1,991 registered members (as of October 2024).
- Members live primarily on four reserves: three at Mînî Thnî (formerly Morley) and one near Longview, called Eden Valley Reserve.
- Governed by one Chief and four Councillors.
- Services provided by the Nation to members: health, housing, education, post-secondary education, training and other programs and services.



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Background Continued

- Protocol Agreements (also called MOUs, friendship or relationship agreements) establish a framework of cooperation for social, environmental, and economic areas of mutual interest for municipalities and Indigenous governments.
- On November 25, 2024, The Mayor's Office received a request from the Bearspaw Nation to enter negotiations to develop a Protocol Agreement.
- The City of Calgary has received two other requests for Protocol (Relationship) Agreements with the Blackfoot Confederacy and Tsuut'ina Nation.



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