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In 2023, Administration engaged a consultant to conduct a governance review of Calgary Planning Commission (CPC). The scope of the review included evaluating the recruitment process and composition of Commission members, ensuring efficiencies in CPC meetings, improving governance and strengthening processes to ensure that CPC is adding value to the decision-making process on land use and planning items. Targeted engagement with Council, CPC members, community representatives, Administration and external parties occurred in late 2023/ early 2024.

Phase one adjustments were approved by Council on 30 June 2024. These changes included updates to the CPC Bylaw, removal of Members of Council from CPC, removal of the Mayor as ex-officio Member and the addition of four new positions for public members for a total of 10 public members. New Commissioners will now begin their terms in January rather than after the Organizational Meeting of Council in October to allow for additional onboarding and training opportunities.

Following approval of the bylaw amendments, an updated position description and skills matrix were developed to broaden the skills and experience required for Commission. These were put in place prior to recruitment for Boards, Commissions and Committees in 2024 September and were used in the selection of new Commissioners beginning their terms in 2025.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2024 July 30	IPC2024-0784	Council approved amendments to the Calgary Planning Commission Bylaw (28P95) which were primarily related to updating membership requirements for Commissioners.