

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

The Calgary Police Commission is a statutory body created under authority of the *Police Act*. The Calgary Police Commission has legislated responsibilities under Part 3, Section 31(1) of the *Police Act*, including the following:

- to allocate funds provided by City Council, done in consultation with the Chief of Police;
- to establish policies providing for efficient and effective policing;
- to issue instructions as necessary to the Chief in regards to those policies; and
- to ensure sufficient persons are employed by the Service to carry out the functions of the Service.

The Calgary Police Commission is responsible for appointing the Chief of Police and evaluating their performance. The Calgary Police Commission issues directions to the Calgary Police Service through the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Calgary Police Service.

Additionally, the Calgary Police Commission monitors the public complaints process; handles complaints regarding the Chief of Police; and handles appeals regarding the policies of, or services provided by, the Calgary Police Service.

The Calgary Police Commission is accountable to the Alberta Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security and operates in accordance with The City of Calgary's *Police Commission Bylaw 25M97*.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2024 October 22	N2024-0996	Public Member Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees Public Members, Marsha Hanson, Susan Mallon, Cheri Nijssen-Jordan and Aaron Noga were appointed for two-year terms expiring on 2026 October 31.

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

Council's appointments to the Calgary Police Commission must comply with the requirements of the *Police Act* and the *Police Commission Bylaw 25M97*.

Police Act, RSA 2000, c. p-17, Part 3, s. 28(6)

Municipal police commissions

- 28 (6) The Term of office of a person appointed to a commission is
- 3 years, or
 - A term of less than 3 years, but not less than 2 years, as may be fixed by bylaw.

Police Commission Bylaw 25M97

3. (2) Council must appoint Members for a two-year term, effective on November 1 of the year of the Organizational Meeting at which the appointment is made and expiring on the second October 31 thereafter or when a successor is appointed whichever is later and Subsection 4(2) applies to the appointment of a successor.

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5.16 Appointment of Public Members to External, Oversight/Regulatory, Partner, Ad Hoc and Working Group/ Task Force BCCs

- 5.16.1 Section 5.16 applies to BCCs classified as “External”, “Oversight/ Regulatory” or “Partner” (Schedule A).
- 5.16.2 Section 5.16 applies to BCCs classified as “Ad Hoc” or “Working Group/ Task Force” (Schedule A) if the BCC is a part of the annual City Clerk’s Office recruitment and advertising campaign.
- 5.16.3 Any Non-Binding Nominations received by the City Clerk’s Office will be provided to the BCC Chairs.
- 5.16.4 Applications that are received under section 5.13 by the City Clerk’s Office will be provided to the BCC Chairs. The Chair(s), Vice-Chair(s) and Administration Resources will use the BCC Qualifications and Eligibility requirements to short list applications for each vacancy. Interviews may be conducted.
- 5.16.5 The Chair will submit the applicant short list to the City Clerk’s Office in accordance with the timeframe established by the City Clerk’s Office. The City Clerk’s Office will provide a report to the Nominations Committee with each BCC’s applicant short list.
- 5.16.6 A Chair may be asked to attend a Nominations Committee meeting to provide advice on the applications.
- 5.16.7 The Nominations Committee shall follow the same process as set out in section 5.15.6 and shall recommend a Reserve List for each BCC to Council, if a sufficient number of applications was received. The number of applicants on the Reserve List shall be at the discretion of the Nominations Committee. An applicant may be on more than one Reserve List but will be removed from all Reserve Lists if the applicant is appointed to a BCC to fill a mid-term vacancy.
- 5.16.8 The City Clerk’s Office will prepare a report with the Nominations Committee’s appointment and Reserve List recommendations which will be considered by Council at its annual Organizational Meeting.