

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION/POLICY

1. On September 28, 2015, Council adopted the recommendations contained in report C2015-0480, as follows:
That Council:
“1. Receive for information:
 - a) The research and analysis contained in this report,
 - b) The commencement of development of an election outreach program in accordance with the approved 2015-2018 Action Plan, and
 - c) The Returning Officer’s decision to use existing funds to expand multi-cultural communication for the 2017 General Election; and2. Direct the Returning Officer to report to Council, no later than June 2018, on an evaluation of the above initiatives to include the impact on voters and future budget implications.”
2. On September 26, 2016, Council adopted the new Ward boundaries for The City of Calgary (C2016-0303). The new Wards set out in Bylaw 25M2016 were drafted in accordance with Council’s *Ward Boundary Determination and Review (CC017) Policy* which sets out the following criteria to be used by the Ward Boundary Commission and the Returning Officer for developing recommendations:
 1. Total population/total voters
 2. Deviation in population between Wards at +/- 10-15%
 3. Future growth
 4. Community boundaries to be considered wherever possible
 5. Easily identifiable boundaries using major streets and topography
 6. Block shaped Wards in accordance with the 1960 October 19 plebiscite
 7. Environmental mix in distribution of commercial, rural, industrial, institutional and green spaces
 8. Historical Ward boundaries will be considered but not mandatory.
3. On November 7, 2016, Council adopted Notice of Motion NM2016-30 directing Administration to determine:
“any potential actions and required funding to improve voter turnout in the 2017 Election, including but not limited to:
 - transit incentives;
 - central election stations on Election Day where citizens from different wards may vote;
 - an expansion of the transit bus polling station pilot;
 - campus voting stations on Election Day;
 - incentives for students and young voters;and return to PFC, with a request for funding from the Council Innovation Fund if needed, no later than Q1 2017”.
4. At the November 11, 2017 Council meeting, Councillor Chu asked a question during Question Period on the topic of the boundary map correction for Greenview Industrial area.