

BIODIVERCITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – RESIGNATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Clerk's Office received notification that Robert Longair, a public member representing the technical industry or research field on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee, has resigned.

CITY CLERK'S RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend that Council:

1. Accept the resignation of Robert Longair as a public member representing the technical industry or research field on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee, and that he be thanked for his service;
2. Direct that the position remain vacant until the 2017 Organizational Meeting of Council when Council will make regular appointments to the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee; and
3. Direct that Attachment 2 remain confidential pursuant to Section 17(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2015 October 19 Organizational Meeting of Council, Council appointed Robert Longair to the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee for a two-year term set to expire at the 2017 Organizational Meeting of Council.

At the 2015 July 27 Regular Meeting of Council, Council approved the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

At the 2015 March 30 Regular Meeting of Council, Council adopted a *Biodiversity Policy* (CSPS037) and directed Administration to research the appropriate Terms of Reference for a BiodiverCity Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee provides Council and Administration with strategic advice on matters affecting urban biodiversity in The City of Calgary. The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee advances the commitments and procedures identified within *Our BiodiverCity*, Calgary's 10-year biodiversity strategic plan and *The Durban Commitment: Local Governments for Biodiversity*. The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee's composition and quorum are detailed in Attachment 1.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

On 2017 May 11, Robert Longair informed Administration of his resignation from the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee, effective 2017 May 31. The formal letter of resignation is detailed in Attachment 2.

Robert Longair's appointment term on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee was set to expire at the 2017 Organizational Meeting of Council. Following the resignation, there will be four public members representing the technical industry or research field remaining on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee.

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Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The City Clerk's Office consulted with the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee's Resource Staff, and has been advised that the vacant position may remain until the 2017 Organizational Meeting of Council, at which time Council will make regular appointments to the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee.

Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with Council's priority of a well-run city: "Calgary's government is open, responsive, accountable and transparent, delivering excellent services at a fair price. We work with our government partners to ensure we have the tools we need" (*Action Plan 2015-2018*).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

No social, environmental, or external economic implications have been identified.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There are no current and future operating budget impacts.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no current and future capital budget impacts.

Risk Assessment

The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee did not advise of any potential risk to either composition or quorum resulting from the resignation or deferring the public member appointment until the 2017 Organizational Meeting of Council to be held on 2017 October 30.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Robert Longair resigned from his position creating a vacancy on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. BiodiverCity Advisory Committee
2. Letter of Resignation