

2017-2021 Council Initiatives

Final Year Update

Recommendation

That the August 16, 2021, Office of the City Manager report OCM00566, be received for information.

Executive Summary

In March 2021, City Council directed Administration to conclude the work of three Council Initiatives immediately, and to conclude the work of 10 initiatives before the end of the current Council term. As per the Terms of Reference for each Council Initiative, end of term updates for each of the 2017-2021 Council Initiatives are provided in Attachment 1.

Administration will continue dialogue with the new City Council on options related to the remainder of the Council Initiatives and return with a report as appropriate.

Report

Council Initiatives are constituted by City Council with the goal of improving certain aspects of Edmonton's future. Councillors, in collaboration with Administration, external stakeholders and partners, work to advance the goals and objectives for each initiative over a four-year term set out by its terms of reference and work plan.

At the March 15, 2021 City Council meeting, City Council directed Administration to undertake the following actions:

- Conclude the work of the Community Hubs, Edmonton's NextGen and Public Engagement Council Initiatives immediately;
- Conclude the work of the work of the Active Transportation; City Design; Food and Agri-Business Diversification; Literacy; Live Active, Health and Recreation; Multiculturalism; Northern Relations; Safe Mobility; Transportation Innovation; and Urban Isolation/Mental Health before the end of the 2017-2021 City Council term.

Additionally, City Council directed Administration to report to City Council early in the 2021-2025 term to determine whether the new Council wishes to renew the following Council Initiatives:

- Arts, Heritage and Culture
- Child Friendly Edmonton
- Edmonton in Bloom
- Edmonton's Poverty Elimination
- Energy Transition and Climate Resilience
- Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention
- Housing
- Indigenous Peoples Strategy
- Seniors
- Winter Cities (WinterCity Strategy)
- Women's Initiative

There were 24 Council Initiatives in the 2017-2021 City Council term; three initiatives concluded in spring 2021, 10 will conclude before the end of the current Council term, and 11 will remain active until the next City Council determines whether to renew these initiatives early in the new Council term. Council's leadership on these initiatives has led to core successes and achievements in advancing these key priorities, and several initiatives have achieved their goals. For the concluded and concluding Council Initiatives, the work will continue either as part of Administration's work plan or under the leadership of community-led organizations. See Attachment 1 for more information.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for each Council Initiative, as approved at the April 24/25, 2018 City Council meeting, updates for each of the 2017-2021 Initiatives are provided in Attachment 1.

Next City Council Term

With the start of a new Council term, there is an opportunity to review how Council Initiatives are structured, governed, managed and focused for effectiveness, including the application of Council Initiatives Policy C518C and budget management. Administration will continue dialogue with the new City Council on options related to the remainder of the Council Initiatives and return with a report as appropriate.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Conditions of Success
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Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
The City adheres to established directives, policies and guidelines.	Number of Council Initiatives Reports	2021: 2 2020: 2 2019: 1 2018: 2	2 reports annually, per initiative

Attachments

1. Council Initiatives 2017-2021 End of Term Update

Others Reviewing this Report

- C. Hodgson, Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
- G. Cebryk, Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- A. Laughlin, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- R. Smyth, Deputy City Manager, Citizen Services
- S. McCabe, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- K. Fallis-Howell, Acting City Solicitor