



## WOMEN'S ADVOCACY VOICE OF EDMONTON COMMITTEE (WAVE)

### 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Plan

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the April 12, 2023, Office of the City Clerk report OCC01713, be received for information.

#### Report Purpose

**Information only.**

*The Chair of the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton, Funmi Omole, will be in attendance at the April 12, 2023 City Council Non-regular meeting.*

#### REPORT

##### Mandate

The mandate of the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee (WAVE) is to:

- make recommendations to City Council on women's gender-based issues and opportunities in relation to Council policies, priorities and decisions;
- promote leadership development to empower Edmonton women to fully participate in civic life; and
- research and provide information and resources about women's gender-based issues and opportunities to Edmontonians.

##### Activities (Annual Report) - Attachment 1

The 2022 Annual Report provides messages from the Chair and Vice-Chair of WAVE as well as an overview of WAVE and its vision and mission statements. The WAVE mandate statement is also included in the Annual Report, including a formal request that the WAVE mandate be updated to include gender diverse individuals.

The Annual Report includes a list of key accomplishments, as well as work completed by WAVE in 2022-23, including:

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- Policy subcommittee: input on amendments to Bylaw 17400 - Vehicle for Hire Bylaw; input on amendments to Bylaw 14614 - Public Places Bylaw and application of restorative justice; presentation on Edmonton housing needs assessment; and information on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Council Report and action plan.
- Projects subcommittee: partnering with ParityYEG on a policy competition and Councillor mentorship; discussion on WAVE'S community outreach through social media; and creating a WAVE website.
- Internal subcommittee: coordinated orientation and onboarding; supported the recruitment process for WAVE members; education coordination for WAVE members; determined areas of growth for WAVE; and conducted knowledge and volunteer management.
- Reconciliation and Allyship subcommittee: Indigenous cultural learning with Indigenous elders and cultural practitioners; commitment to an Indigenous learning moment; and visit to the Indigenous Peoples Experience at Fort Edmonton Park.
- Providing input into policies, projects and reports.
- Community outreach with communities, equity seeking organizations and programs.

### **Work Plan - Attachment 2**

The Work Plan references the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan, which was recently reviewed by WAVE, and will guide WAVE'S operational areas of focus for 2023. WAVE is structured in four subcommittees and an ad hoc social media subcommittee. As stated in the Work Plan, WAVE is looking to focus on policy based advocacy, genuine reconciliation and allyship, and the intersectionalities of the challenges that face women and gender diverse folks. WAVE is working to provide evidence based recommendations.

The Work Plan outlines the 2023 work of three of WAVE's subcommittees: policy; projects; and reconciliation and allyship. Lastly, the Work Plan identifies WAVE's overarching values and the priorities:

- advocacy;
- intersectionality, reconciliation, anti-racism, and equity; and
- empowering women to get involved in different ways with municipal government.

### **Budget Information - Attachment 3**

WAVE has provided the 2022 actuals (\$38,479).

### **Annual Report and Work Plan Requirements**

Annual Report and Work Plan requirements for WAVE are outlined in:

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- Bylaw 16658 - Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee Bylaw
  - Section 8 states that WAVE will present the following to City Council:
    - Annual work plan outlining the Committee's annual strategic and performance goals, planned projects, events, activities and initiatives, and budget requests; and
    - At least once per year, provide a report on progress and accomplishments on the matters in the Committee's annual work plan.
- Bylaw 18156 - Council Committees Bylaw
  - Section 4(2) states that all Council Committees will report to Council at least annually.
  - Section 10 requires that:
    - At least annually, a Council Committee must approve a work plan that aligns with its mandate and identifies its anticipated resource requirements.
    - During its annual report to Council required by section 4(2), a Council Committee must present its work plan for the current year and summary of its most recently completed work plan.
- Council Policy and Procedure C575D - Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions
  - Section 5 specifies that City Agencies will annually report to a City Council meeting with:
    - activities;
    - annual work plan aligned to strategic objectives and mandate; and,
    - budget information.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee (WAVE) - Annual Report 2022-2023
2. Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee (WAVE) - Work Plan
3. Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee (WAVE) - Budget Information