

BYLAW 20670 - WOMEN'S ADVISORY VOICE OF EDMONTON COMMITTEE BYLAW

Recommendation

That Bylaw 20670 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

The purpose of Bylaw 20670 - Women's Advisory Voice of Edmonton Committee Bylaw is to maintain the continuity of the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee under a new name Women's Advisory Voice of Edmonton Committee (WAVE) and to implement Governance Review changes. Bylaw 20670:

- Repeals Bylaw 16658 - the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee Bylaw.
- Establishes WAVE as a Council Committee and sets out its membership and mandate.
- Provides a transition to allow current members of WAVE to continue as members.
- Amends Bylaw 19870 - the Council Committees Code of Conduct Bylaw, section 3(m) by deleting and replacing "Advocacy" with "Advisory".

Readings

Bylaw 20670 is ready for three readings.

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree "That Bylaw 20670 be considered for third reading."

REPORT

This bylaw report provides the establishing bylaw for WAVE. Similar bylaw reports are being provided on other Advisory Committees as part of the Advisory Committees of Council (Policy Review) - Governance Review (Governance Review) implementation.

In addition, as part of the Governance Review implementation, a bylaw report with amendments to Bylaw 18156 - Council Committees Bylaw is being provided. The purpose of Bylaw 18156 is to prescribe the general powers, duties, and functions of Council Committees. Bylaw 18156 is applied to all Advisory Committees. Refer to the October 24, 2023, Office of the City Clerk report OCC02113 Bylaw 20669 - Council Committees Bylaw Amendment No. 9 for amendments and background, context and implementation details on the Governance Review.

Establishing bylaws establish the Advisory Committee as a Council Committee and set out the unique powers, duties and functions of the individual Advisory Committees. The establishing bylaw prevails over Bylaw 18156 in the event of an inconsistency or conflict.

Bylaw 20670 - Women's Advisory Voice of Edmonton Committee Bylaw

As part of the Governance Review implementation, Administration recommends repealing and replacing the WAVE establishing bylaw. This approach is to ensure consistency across Advisory Committee establishing bylaws and to reduce duplication between establishing bylaws and other governing documents, for example Bylaw 18156.

Bylaw 20670 establishes WAVE as a Council Committee, its membership and mandate. Summary of the changes between Bylaw 16658 and 20670:

- Change of name to Women's Advisory Voice of Edmonton Committee from Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton, to reflect that Advisory Committees of Council have advisory rather than advocacy roles.
 - The advocacy function in the mandate of WAVE has been removed.

A side-by-side comparison is in Attachment 2.

Community Insight

Community insight for the Governance Review is included in the October 24, 2023, Office of the City Clerk report OCC02113.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 20670 - Women's Advisory Voice of Edmonton Committee Bylaw
2. Women's Advisory Voice of Edmonton - Side-By-Side Comparison

Others Reviewing the Report

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