

Council Report Governance

Edmonton
City Council



EDMONTON HISTORICAL BOARD - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2024 WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

That the Edmonton Historical Board's request to establish four sub-committees for the 2024 Work Plan, as included in Attachment 3 of the March 5, 2024, Office of the City Clerk report OCC02277, be approved.

Report Purpose

Council decision required.

The Edmonton Historical Board Vice-Chair, Harrison Sheremeta and Omar Yaqub, Edmonton's co-Historian Laureate, will be in attendance virtually at the March 5, 2024, City Council - Non-Regular meeting.

REPORT

Mandate

The mandate of Edmonton Historical Board (EHB), as stated in Bylaw 20674 - Edmonton Historical Board Bylaw, is to:

- provide advice to Council regarding matters relating to City of Edmonton historical issues and civic heritage policies; and
- encourage and promote the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities and documentary heritage.

Annual Report and Work Plan Requirements

Bylaw 18156 - Council Committees Bylaw (Bylaw 18156), sets out the annual reporting requirements for Council Committees. Under Bylaw 18156, all Council Committees:

- Will report to Council at least annually;
- Must approve a work plan that aligns with Council's strategic objectives and the Council

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Committee's mandate, including a reporting of what resources were provided in the previous year and the anticipated resource requirements for the upcoming year; and

- During its annual report to Council, must present their work plan as well as a summary of the status of their previous year's work plan.

Sub-Committee Requirements

Under Bylaw 18156, if approved to do so by Council, Advisory Committees may establish sub-committees to conduct research, obtain and summarize public input, or to obtain specialized expertise and provide reports on those matters to the Advisory Committee.

Request for Sub-Committees

EHB is seeking Council's approval to establish four sub-committees that will be used to complete their goals for 2024. The rationale for the request is included in the 2024 Work Plan (Attachment 3).

Administration is supportive of this request and has the required resources available to support these sub-committees.

Resources for Council Committees

Council Committees were provided templates to support drafting annual reports, resource information and work plans in alignment with the requirements in Bylaw 18156. The templates are a part of the Administrative response to the Civic Agencies Governance Audit, Recommendation 3 (see the November 30, 2023, Office of the City Clerk report OCC02137).

2023 Annual Report - Attachment 1

The 2023 Annual Report provides a summary of the status of the previous year's work plan, including accomplishments and activities completed, reports and communications to Council and a summary of key topics discussed at meetings.

2023-2024 Resource Information - Attachment 2

The 2023-2024 Resource Information provides information about projected and actual fiscal and human resources for 2023 and the projected resource requirements for 2024.

2024 Work Plan - Attachment 3

The 2024 Work Plan provides goals for 2024, which aligns with EHB's mandate and Council's strategic objectives. For each goal, the Work Plan outlines timelines, action items, expected outcomes and partners EHB will work with to complete the goals. As noted, the 2024 Work Plan includes a request for sub-committees.

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Historian Laureate

The Historian Laureate is the City's official ambassador on historical matters and promotes the history of the city and its citizens by documenting, researching, interpreting and speaking about the people, places and events that have created Edmonton's distinctive heritage and character.

Cheryl Whiskeyjack and Omar Yaqub were selected jointly by the EHB and Edmonton Heritage Council as Edmonton's co-Historian Laureates in April 2022. As outlined in the Historian Laureate Position Description approved at the November 25, 2009 City Council meeting, Edmonton's Historian Laureate must submit a report to the EHB and the Edmonton Heritage Council on a yearly basis and must also attend the EHB's annual report presentation to City Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Edmonton Historical Board - 2023 Annual Report
2. Edmonton Historical Board - 2023-2024 Resource Information
3. Edmonton Historical Board - 2024 Work Plan