Council Report **Governance**



DEPUTY MAYOR AND ACTING MAYOR TERMS

October 22, 2024, to the 2025 Municipal Election

RECOMMENDATION

That the Deputy and Acting Mayor Terms for October 22, 2024, to the 2025 Municipal Election, as set out in Attachment 1 of the October 22, 2024, Office of the City Clerk report OCC02547, be approved.

Report Purpose

Council decision required.

REPORT

This report recommends the Deputy and Acting Mayor roster for 2024/2025. The roster is prepared by assigning each Councillor the responsibility for serving in the roles of Deputy Mayor for approximately 30 days and Acting Mayor for another approximately 30 days.

Legislative Requirements

City Council approves a Deputy and Acting Mayor roster each year. This ensures compliance with the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) and Bylaw 18155 - Council Procedures Bylaw.

MGA, Section 152:

- (1) A council must appoint one or more councillors as deputy chief elected official so that
 - (a) only one councillor will hold that office at any one time, and
 - (b) the office will be filled at all times.
- (2) A deputy chief elected official must act as the chief elected official
 - (a) when the chief elected official is unable to perform the duties of the chief elected official, or
 - (a) if the office of chief elected official is vacant.
- (3) A council may appoint a councillor as an acting chief elected official to act as the chief elected official

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- (a) if both the chief elected official and the deputy chief elected official are unable to perform the duties of the chief elected official, or
- (b) if both the office of chief elected official and the office of deputy chief elected official are vacant.

Bylaw 18155 - Council Procedures Bylaw, requires that an organizational meeting be held no later than 14 days after the third Monday in October each year. The purpose of this meeting is, in part, to appoint a Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor. This is to ensure:

- (i) only one Councillor will hold each office at any one time; and
- (ii) each office will be filled at all times.

2024/2025 Deputy and Acting Mayor Roster

Attachment 1 sets out the proposed 2024/2025 Deputy and Acting Mayor Roster. Each Councillor will serve as Deputy Mayor for approximately 30 days, followed by Acting Mayor for approximately 30 days. The rotation begins with ward tastawiyiniwak and continues alphabetically by ward name from A, as was done for the 2023/2024 Deputy and Acting Mayor Roster. This approach reflects the feedback received at the October 24, 2023, City Council meeting (Office of the City Clerk report OCC01984). As members of Council indicate intent to seek re-election in the 2025 Edmonton Election, changes to the 2024/2025 Deputy and Acting Mayor Roster may be presented to Council for consideration and approval.

2020/2021 to 2023/2024 Deputy and Acting Mayor Rosters

The following approaches were taken for the previously approved rosters.

2020/2021: When drafted, the first approved roster was ordered by ward numbers, and a subsequent motion was passed directing Administration to bring back a revised roster each time a Councillor publically indicates they were not seeking re-election so that those not running in the 2021 Municipal Election were the Deputy Mayor as October approached.

 Attachment 2 presents an option for the 2024/2025 roster that reflects the available information on which Councillors have publicly indicated they are not running in the 2025 Edmonton Election.

2021/2022: reverse alphabetical order by Councillors' last names.

2022/2023: reverse alphabetical order by ward.

2023/2024: alphabetical order by ward, but with tastawiyiniwak at the top of the roster.

To ensure that Councillors have similar opportunities as Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor, and as part of preparing this report, the following data has been collected. This shows the number of days assigned to each Councillor as part of this Council term.

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| # of Days | 2021-2022 | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | | Proposed 2024-2025 | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Councillor | Deputy Mayor | Acting Mayor | Deputy Mayor | Acting Mayor | Deputy Mayor | Acting Mayor | Deputy Mayor | Acting Mayor | DM Total | AM Total | Combined Total |
| T. Cartmell | 22 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 115 | 122 | 237 |
| S. Hamilton | 31 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 124 | 123 | 247 |
| M. Janz | 31 | 30 | 28 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 119 | 123 | 242 |
| A. Knack | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 120 | 124 | 244 |
| A. Paquette | 31 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 124 | 121 | 245 |
| K. Principe | 30 | 31 | 41 | 38 | 31 | 29 | 31 | 30 | 133 | 128 | 261 |
| J. Rice | 31 | 28 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 124 | 120 | 244 |
| E. Rutherford | 28 | 31 | 38 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 126 | 124 | 250 |
| A. Salvador | 31 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 31 | 28 | 124 | 118 | 242 |
| A. Stevenson | 31 | 31 | 31 | 28 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 124 | 119 | 243 |
| K. Tang | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 31 | 28 | 31 | 117 | 124 | 241 |
| J. Wright | 31 | 22 | 30 | 41 | 29 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 120 | 125 | 245 |

In addition, the following information about winter and summer recesses has been prepared.

| Recess Dates | Rotation | Deputy Mayor | Acting Mayor | Days of Recess |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Dec 20, 2021 - Jan 16, 2022 | Nov 25, 2021 - Dec 25, 2021 | K. Tang | A. Stevenson | 5 |
| Dec 20, 2021 - Jan 16, 2022 | Dec 26, 2021 - Jan 25, 2022 | A. Stevenson | A. Salvador | 10 |
| Jul 11, 2022 - Aug 7, 2022 | Jul 26, 2022 - Aug 25, 2022 | A. Knack | M. Janz | 13 |
| Dec 19, 2022 - Jan 15, 2023 | Dec 17, 2022 - Jan 16, 2023 | S. Hamilton | T. Cartmell | 29 |
| Jul 17, 2023 - Aug 13, 2023 | Jul 17, 2023 - Aug 16, 2023 | J. Rice | A. Paquette | 28 |
| Dec 18, 2023 - Jan 14, 2024 | Nov 24, 2023 - Dec 23, 2023 | E. Rutherford | A. Paquette | 6 |
| Dec 18, 2023 - Jan 14, 2024 | Dec 24, 2023 - Jan 23, 2024 | A. Paquette | J. Rice | 22 |
| Jul 8, 2024 - Aug 11, 2024 | Jun 24, 2024 - Jul 23, 2024 | M. Janz | T. Cartmell | 16 |
| Jul 8, 2024 - Aug 11, 2024 | Jul 24, 2024 - Aug 23, 2024 | T. Cartmell | S. Hamilton | 19 |
| | | | | |
| | Winter Recess | | | |
| | Summer Recess | | | |

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Option 1 for Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor Terms October 22, 2024, to the 2025 Municipal Election
- 2. Option 2 for Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor Terms October 22, 2024, to the 2025 Municipal Election

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