

Summary of Changes - Proposed Public Engagement Policy

Current	Proposed change	Rationale
<p>Policy Statement:</p> <p>Public Engagement is a process that creates opportunities for people to contribute to decision-making by City Council and Administration about the City's policies, programs, projects, and services, and communicates how public input is collected and used.</p> <p>The City of Edmonton values public engagement processes and activities that contribute to policy, program, service and project decisions by providing City Council and Administration with the best possible information to support decision-making.</p>	<p>Revised to:</p> <p>Public Engagement is a process that creates opportunities for people to contribute to decision-making by City Council and Administration about the City's policies, programs, projects, and services.</p> <p>The City of Edmonton values public engagement processes and activities that contribute to policy, program, service and project decisions by providing City Council and Administration with information to support decision-making. Administration communicates how public input is collected and used.</p>	<p>Edited for sentence structure and removed "best possible" since it is a judgment statement.</p>
<p>Policy Statement - purpose of policy:</p> <p>Achieves a consistent, coordinated and outcomes-driven approach to public engagement;</p>	<p>Revised to:</p> <p>Achieves a consistent, coordinated, outcomes-driven and equity-based approach to public engagement;</p>	<p>Addition of "equity-based" to reflect the update in City language as well as the equity, diversity and inclusion commitments of the City.</p>
<p>Policy Statement - purpose of policy:</p> <p>Facilitates public input to decision-making through effective and efficient consultation, involvement, collaboration and empowerment processes; and</p>	<p>Revised to:</p> <p>Facilitates public input to decision-making through appropriate, effective and efficient consultation, involvement, collaboration and empowerment processes; and</p>	<p>Addition of "appropriate" to reflect the language of the Program and Service Review also to reinforce the addition of fiscal responsibility and data driven approach.</p>
<p>Guiding Principle - Shared responsibility:</p> <p>Engagement of people in an authentic way contributes to robust solutions to challenging issues and encourages participation that supports democratic decision-making.</p>	<p>Revised to:</p> <p>Engagement is a shared responsibility between the City and people. Creating opportunities for engagement in an authentic way encourages people to choose to participate which supports democratic decision-making.</p>	<p>Provides more clarification of what is meant by "shared responsibility."</p>

Attachment 2

<p>Guiding Principle - Proactive, timely and transparent :</p> <p>People have enough time and notice to engage early in the process which enables considered input and impact on decision-making, and clearly communicates how input will be assessed and used during engagement and reported on afterwards.</p>	<p>Revised to:</p> <p>People have enough time and notice to engage early in the process which enables considered input and impact on decision-making. We are transparent by clearly communicating how input will be assessed and used during engagement and reported on afterwards.</p>	<p>This edit makes the definition more clear and ensures it expresses the intent of the guiding principle.</p>
<p>Guiding Principle - Inclusive and accessible:</p> <p>Engagement planning and delivery is inclusive and accessible to best serve our City by encouraging two-way conversations and strategies that reach diverse communities and ensure people feel heard and know their input is valued.</p>	<p>Revised to:</p> <p>Equitable, Inclusive and accessible - Engagement planning and delivery is equitable, inclusive and accessible to best serve our City by encouraging two-way conversations and strategies that reach diverse communities and ensure people feel heard and know their input is valued.</p>	<p>Addition of “equitable” per an update in City language.</p>
<p>Requirements:</p> <p>Administration will consider public engagement when:</p>	<p>Revised to:</p> <p>Administration will use a data-driven approach ensuring the responsible use of City resources and will consider public engagement when:</p>	<p>This addition of “use a data-driven approach ensuring the responsible use of City resources” recognizes how the City will use funds responsibly when considering undertaking public engagement and reflects the understanding of fiscal and resources constraints.</p>
<p>Requirements:</p> <p>Public Engagement activities will consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respectful and Safe Discussion and Debate - Discussion and debate that underlies public engagement activities will be conducted in a respectful and safe manner by all participants: City staff, contractors, stakeholders and the general public. 	<p>Move to the Public Engagement Framework</p>	<p>The section addresses operational considerations (<i>how</i> a policy is achieved), which, based on the Corporate Policy Framework, fits within the Public Engagement Framework.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity and Inclusion - The City values diversity of perspectives and lived experience. City staff will ensure efforts are made to accommodate diverse needs in order to reduce barriers and encourage participation, in alignment with the City's diversity and inclusion commitments and use of Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+). • Indigenous Peoples - Engagement should be inclusive of Indigenous Peoples and honour the City of Edmonton's Indigenous memorandums of understanding and relevant guiding policies and frameworks. • Digital Engagement - Digital engagement uses technologies to support, enhance, or expand public participation and civic engagement processes. The City of Edmonton's digital engagement resources and tools are intended to increase accessibility and broaden engagement 		
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