

COUNCIL REPORT – BYLAW

Edmonton

BYLAW 21284

Amendments to Council Disclosure Bylaw 20901 - Gifts and Benefits

Recommendation

That Bylaw 21284 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend the current Bylaw 20901 to require quarterly disclosure of gifts and benefits.

Readings

Bylaw 21284 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 to third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 21284 be considered for third reading.”

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the May 21, 2025, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration prepare amendments to Bylaw 20901, Council Disclosure Bylaw, to add a requirement to disclose gifts and benefits received by members of Council and return to City Council.

REPORT

The current Council Disclosure Bylaw, 20901, was most recently passed on September 10, 2024.

Bylaw 21284

Bylaw 21284 amends Bylaw 20901 to add quarterly disclosure of gifts and benefits with a single or cumulative value of \$300 or more.

Considerations

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Bylaw 21284 proposes requiring disclosure on a quarterly basis for all single gifts exceeding \$300, and cumulative gifts from the same donor that total \$300 or more in a calendar year. Statements of disclosure will identify the fair market value of the gift, a description, the date and occasion the gift was received, and the name of the person or entity providing each gift.

Disclosure will not be required for gifts of significance to the City of Edmonton that are provided to the City Manager to be retained on the City's behalf, or for gifts that are authorized by legislation, such as campaign donations and approved Council compensation.

Disclosures of this nature have been completed since 2018. Records from 2018-2021 are available on Open Data and records from 2021-2025 are available on the City of Edmonton website.

The amendments proposed by Bylaw 21284 would come into force on November 1, 2025, with the next required Gift and Benefit reporting due no later than January 31, 2026. The January report would include all gifts and benefits received from October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Prior to November 1, 2025, voluntary reporting will continue to be requested in line with the current practice.

Community Insight

As this amendment was directed by Council after the Council Code of Conduct was prohibited no new community insight was solicited.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 21284
2. Bylaw 20981 REDLINE

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Gunther, Acting City Solicitor