

THE CITY OF EDMONTON
BYLAW 21216
EDMONTON DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BYLAW

Edmonton City Council enacts:

DEFINITIONS

- 1 (1) Unless otherwise specified, words used in this bylaw have the same meaning as defined in the MGA.
- (2) In this bylaw:
- (a) **“Area”** means the business improvement area set out in section 3 of this bylaw;
 - (b) **“Association”** means the corporation set out in section 4 of this bylaw;
 - (c) **“Board”** means all Directors of the Association as appointed pursuant to this bylaw from time to time;
 - (d) **“City”** means The City of Edmonton;
 - (e) **“City Manager”** means the City’s chief administrative officer or delegate;
 - (f) **“Council”** means the City’s council;
 - (g) **“Director”** means an individual appointed pursuant to section 7 of this bylaw;
 - (h) **“Member”** means a business assessed for business improvement area taxes within the Area;
 - (i) **“MGA”** means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended; and
 - (j) **“person”** includes an individual, partnership, association, corporation, trustee, executor, administrator or legal representative.

RULES FOR INTERPRETATION

- 2 The marginal notes and headings in this bylaw are for ease of reference only.

THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

- 3 That area, the boundaries of which are outlined and shaded on the map attached as Appendix “A” to this bylaw, and which are

AREA

more particularly described in Appendix “B” attached to this bylaw, which was designated as the “Edmonton Downtown Business Improvement Area” in Bylaw 7968, as amended, is hereby continued as the “Edmonton Downtown Business Improvement Area”.

THE ASSOCIATION 4

- (1) All Directors appointed to sit on the Board of the “Edmonton Downtown Business Improvement Area” under Bylaw 7968, as amended, will continue to sit until otherwise replaced under this bylaw.
- (2) The corporation which was established under the name “Downtown Business Association of Edmonton” in Bylaw 7968, as amended, is hereby continued as a corporation under the name “Downtown Business Association of Edmonton”.
- (3) The Board shall consist of Directors appointed from time to time in accordance with section 7 of this bylaw.

PURPOSES OF THE AREA 5

- (1) The objects and purposes for which the Area was established are:
 - (a) improving, beautifying and maintaining property in the Area;
 - (b) developing, improving, and maintaining public parking; and
 - (c) promoting the Area as a business or shopping district.
- (2) The Association will carry out the objects purposes set out in subsection (1) by:
 - (a) building effective partnerships with businesses, property owners, other community collaborators, and municipal government;
 - (b) advocating for the needs of the businesses in the Area;
 - (c) developing and promoting a positive image for the Area;
 - (d) attracting new businesses that support the vision for the Area; and
 - (e) encouraging reinvestment and future development in the Area.

POWERS OF ASSOCIATION

- 6 (1) Subject to the provisions of this bylaw and any other piece of applicable legislation, the Association shall have the power to do all things necessarily incidental to the attainment of its objects.
- (2) Nothing in this bylaw shall be construed as giving the Association the power to borrow money or otherwise pledge its assets without the express direction of Council.

DIRECTORS

- 7 (1) The Board shall consist of up to fifteen Directors appointed by Council.
- (2) Each appointment made by Council is for a term of one year with no maximum number of terms.
- (3) No individual shall be appointed as a Director unless that individual:
- (a) has been nominated in writing, submitted to the Board before close of nominations, for appointment as a Director, by any person who is a taxpayer in the Area as defined in section 1(e) of the *Business Improvement Area Regulation*, Alta. Reg. 93/2016; and
 - (b) has consented to act as a Director, in writing submitted to the Board prior to that individual's appointment.
- (4) A majority of existing, appointed members constitutes quorum.
- (5) Each Director of the Board shall remain in office until:
- (a) the Director resigns;
 - (b) the revocation of the Director's appointment by Council following the recommendation of the Board; or
 - (c) the Director's term of office expires,
- whichever comes first.
- (6) Where an individual appointed pursuant to this section ceases to be a Director of the Board before the expiration of their designated term, the Board may appoint a Director for the unexpired portion of the term provided that the new Director meets all of the requirements for appointment as a Director pursuant to this section.

- (7) Interim appointments pursuant to subsection (6) shall not require the further approval of Council.
- REMUNERATION** 8 (1) The position of a Director is voluntary, and no remuneration will be paid for services as a Director.
- (2) Directors shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of duties as a Director.
- PROCEDURES FOR THE BOARD** 9 (1) The Board shall manage the business and affairs of the Association.
- (2) The Board shall meet at least quarterly and may meet more frequently, as it sees fit, for the dispatch of business.
- (3) The Directors shall:
- (a) elect one of their number as Chair of the Board to preside at all meetings of the Board; and
- (b) determine the period for which that individual is to hold office.
- (4) The Board shall establish and maintain internal governing documents setting out policies and procedures for dealing with the following:
- (a) conducting meetings when the Chair is not present;
- (b) determining what happens to a motion when the vote is tied; and
- (c) any other situation, incident, event, or thing that the Board sees fit in order for it to guide the governance, conduct, and operations of the Board, its Directors, committees, and employees of the Association,
- provided such policies and procedures are not inconsistent with the provisions of this bylaw.
- (5) The Board may delegate any of the Board's powers to a committee or committees consisting of one or more Directors.
- FINANCIAL MATTERS** 10 (1) The financial year of the Association is the calendar year.
- (2) The Board may appoint such officers of the Association as the Board sees fit and may specify the powers and duties of such

officers and, subject to the provisions of this bylaw, may delegate to any officer such of the powers of the Board as the Board thinks fit.

- (3) If a Director, or a Director's family member, as defined within the MGA, has a pecuniary interest in a matter before the Board, the Director shall be precluded from voting or participating in the discussion.
- (4) The Association may have a corporate seal, which seal may be adopted or changed from time to time by the Board and on which the name of the Association shall appear.
- (5) The banking business of the Association shall be transacted with such banks or financial institutions as the Board may from time to time designate, and shall be transacted in accordance with such agreements, instructions, and delegations of power as the Board may from time to time prescribe.
- (6) The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matter or matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place, all acquisitions and dispositions of property of the Association, and all the assets and liabilities of the Association.
- (7) The books of account of the Association shall be kept at such place or places as the Board thinks fit, and no person, other than a Director, an officer, the City Auditor, or an officer, accountant, or other person, whose duty to the Association or to Council require that person to do so, shall have any right to inspect any account or book or document of the Association except as may be authorized by the Board, by Council, or by statute.
- (8) The Board shall, in each year at the time and in the form prescribed by the City Manager, submit to Council, for its approval, estimates of revenues and expenditures expected to be received and made by the Association for the next fiscal year.
- (9) The Board shall present and review these estimates with its Members at the annual general meeting and subsequently revise, if necessary, and approve them prior to their submission to Council.
- (10) The Board shall notify all businesses within the Area whose owner or operator is a taxpayer, as defined in section 1(e) of the *Business Improvement Area Regulation*, Alta. Reg. 93/2016, of

the date and place when Council will consider approval of the proposed budget using one or more of the following methods:

- (a) mail;
- (b) personal delivery; or
- (c) electronic mail, provided that the requirements for the sending of documents by electronic means set out in section 608 of the MGA are met.

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETINGS AND
SPECIAL
MEETINGS OF
THE BOARD**

- 11 (1) In each calendar year, prior to submitting its estimates of revenues and expenditures to Council, the Board shall hold an annual general meeting of all Members.
- (2) Written notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to all Members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date using one or more of the following methods:
 - (a) mail;
 - (b) personal delivery; or
 - (c) electronic mail, provided that the requirements for the sending of documents by electronic means set out in section 608 of the MGA are met.
- (3) The annual meeting the Board shall:
 - (a) review with Members its estimates of revenues and expenditures for the next calendar year;
 - (b) review with Members any nominations for new Directors from the Members for the next calendar year received by the Board prior to the meeting;
 - (c) if sufficient nominations for new Directors for the next calendar year have not been received by the Board, seek any additional nominations for new Directors for the next calendar year; and
 - (d) close the nomination period permanently for new Directors for the next calendar year.

- (4) For the purposes of any vote of the membership during the annual meeting or a special meeting, the following voting procedures shall apply:
 - (a) each Member shall be entitled to one vote;
 - (b) in order to be eligible to vote, each representative of a Member that is not the owner or operator of the Member shall present to the Board upon arrival at the meeting, a signed statement giving the bearer permission to represent the Member in any vote at that meeting; and
 - (c) motions are passed by a majority of the votes cast by the Members present at the meeting.

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND AUDITED
FINANCIAL
STATEMENT**

- 12 (1) The Board shall prepare and submit to Council, at the time specified by the City Manager, an audited financial statement of the Association comprised of an income and expenditure account and a balance sheet.
- (2) The Board shall also prepare and submit to Council, at the time and in the form and containing the content prescribed by the City Manager, the following:
 - (a) an annual report of the activity of the Association; and
 - (b) any other statements, documents, and reports required by the City Manager.

**QUARTERLY
REPORTING**

- 13 The Board shall prepare and submit to the City Manager, at the time and in the form and containing the content prescribed by the City Manager, quarterly financial reports of the Association.

**CITY MANAGER
ROLE**

- 14 In addition to any other power, duty, or function prescribed by this bylaw, the City Manager may:
 - (a) prescribe the time at which all documents, reports, or statements that must be submitted to the City pursuant to this bylaw shall be submitted;
 - (b) prescribe the form and content of all reports that must be submitted to the City pursuant to this bylaw;
 - (c) prescribe the form of all proposed budget-related documents that must be submitted to the City for Council approval pursuant to this bylaw; and

(d) delegate any power, duty, or function under this bylaw.

TRANSITION	15	On the coming into force of this bylaw, Directors appointed to the Board will continue to be Directors until the expiry of their current term.
REPEAL	16	Bylaw 7968, the Edmonton Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw, is repealed.

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Read a second time

Read a third time

SIGNED AND PASSED

THE CITY OF EDMONTON

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

APPENDIX "A"

EDMONTON DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOUNDARY MAP



APPENDIX “B”

BOUNDARIES OF THE EDMONTON DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

The Downtown Business Improvement Area shall consist of all properties within the boundaries as illustrated in Appendix A. Such boundaries shall be described as follows:

On the North:

Originating at the intersection of 105 Avenue and 111 Street east along 105 Avenue to 101 Street, north along 101 Street to the lane immediately south of 105 A Avenue, east along the lane to the intersection of 100 Street and 105 Avenue, continuing east along 105 Avenue to 97 Street, south along 97 Street to the CNR right-of-way, northeast along the CNR right-of-way to 95 Street.

On the East:

Originating at the intersection of 95 Street and the CNR right-of-way, south along 95 Street to the North Saskatchewan River.

On the South:

Originating at the intersection of 95 Street and the North Saskatchewan River, southwest along the North Saskatchewan River to the Low Level Bridge, northwest along Rossdale Road to its intersection with 99 Avenue, west along 99 Avenue to 102 Street/Bellamy Hill Road, south along 102 Street/Bellamy Hill Road to 97 Avenue, west along 97 Avenue to 106 Street, south along 106 Street to River Valley Road, northwest along River Valley Road to the west side of the High Level Bridge.

On the West:

Originating at the intersection of River Valley Road and West side of the High Level Bridge, north along the CPR right-of-way to the point of commencement at Jasper Avenue, West to the intersection of Jasper Avenue and 110 Street, north to the lane immediately north of Jasper Avenue, west to 111 Street, north along 111 Street to 105 Avenue.