

Gender Based Violence and Sexual Exploitation Prevention

New Council Initiative

Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the Terms of Reference for the new Gender Based Violence Prevention Initiative, as set out in Attachment 1 of the March 23, 2015, Community Services report CR_1950, be approved.

Report Summary

This report requests approval of the Terms of Reference for the Gender Based Violence Prevention Initiative.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the December 17, 2014, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That a new Council Initiative named “Gender Based Violence and Sexual Exploitation Prevention”, be established with Councillors B. Esslinger and A. Sohi appointed as delegates, and Administration prepare Terms of Reference for Council’s approval.

Report

- Council Initiatives are specific projects initiated and approved by City Council with the goal of improving certain aspects of Edmonton’s future. These are projects that City Council deems would benefit from having a Member of City Council as a sponsor.
- Under authority outlined in Council Initiative Policy C518, Council directed Administration to prepare Terms of Reference for the initiatives identified at the December 11, 2013, City Council meeting in collaboration with sponsor Councillors.
- The Terms of Reference for the Gender Based Violence Prevention Initiative, approved by the sponsor Councillors, is contained in Attachment 1.
- During development of the Terms of Reference, there was agreement that the name and scope of the initiative would be limited to Gender Based Violence Prevention.

Policy

City Policy C518 – Council Initiatives

Corporate Outcomes

- This report contributes to the corporate outcome "Edmontonians are connected to the city in which they live, work and play". This initiative aligns with the Urban Isolation/Mental Health and the Women's Initiatives and builds on the outcomes and goals identified in each.
- This report contributes to the corporate outcome "Edmontonians use facilities and services that promote healthy living" through building on current service and program delivery and encouraging others to actively address and change the conversation on gender-based violence.
- This report contributes to the corporate outcome "Edmonton is a safe city". Through public engagement efforts, the initiative will identify ways of building awareness and knowledge to all demographics on the issues and impacts of gender-based violence. As well, it will look to build and expand on the City of Edmonton's domestic violence prevention work.

Justification of Recommendation

City Policy C518 requires that Administration develop Terms of Reference for Council Initiatives and forward to City Council or Committee for approval.

Attachments

1. Gender Based Violence Prevention