

Bylaw 19366 - Amendment to Bylaw 15142 - City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries and Council Composition - Further Amendments

Recommendation

That Bylaw 19366 be amended by deleting and replacing Schedule A with Attachment 2 of the September 21, 2020, Office of the City Manager report CR_8349rev.

Clerk's Note: If the recommendation passes, the amended bylaw will be advertised and after the 60 days petition period expires, second and third reading can proceed.

Purpose

This bylaw is not ready to receive second or third readings.

The purpose of this bylaw report is to replace the existing Schedule A (new ward boundaries with geographical names) of Bylaw 19366. This bylaw amends Bylaw 15142 *City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries and Council Composition*, with a new Schedule A (Attachment 2) which includes the municipal ward boundaries as recommended by the Ward Boundary Commission and new Indigenous names as recommended by the Naming Committee in response to Council's direction.

Advertising and Signing

After the Council meeting on September 21/23, 2020, Bylaw 19366, as amended, will be advertised in the Edmonton Journal on Saturday, September 26, 2020, and Saturday, October 3, 2020.

Administration will present Bylaw 19366 as amended for second and third reading at the December 7, 2020, City Council meeting, which is the date the legislated 60 day petition period concludes.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the June 16, 2020, meeting of City Council, the following motions were passed:

1. That Bylaw 19366 - Amendment to Bylaw 15142 - City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries and Council Composition Bylaw be amended to replace all the existing ward names with numbers, as follows:
 - 1 - Jasper Place
 - 2 - Northwest
 - 3 - North
 - 4 - Northeast
 - 5 - Central
 - 6 - East
 - 7 - West
 - 8 - Scona
 - 9 - Whitemud
 - 10 - South
 - 11 - Gateway
 - 12 - Southeast
2. That Bylaw 19366 be read a first time, as amended.
3. That Bylaw 19366 - Amendment to Bylaw 15142 - City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries and Council Composition Bylaw, as amended, be referred back to Administration for the Naming Committee to work with the Indigenous community to provide recommendations to name each of the new City's twelve wards based on Indigenous place names, and that Administration provide additional resources as necessary, up to \$150,000, with funding from Council Contingency, to support the Naming Committee to complete this work;
4. That Administration return to Council with a revised bylaw based on the Naming Committee recommendations no later than the end of September 2020.

Report Summary

Administration has prepared a revised Schedule A to Bylaw 19366, which replaces the current Schedule A of Bylaw 15142 *City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries and Council Composition Bylaw* by including Indigenous names for each ward. The geographical boundaries remain unchanged from what was recommended by the Ward Boundary Commission.

Bylaw 19366, received first reading by City Council on June 16, 2020 and includes both the new boundary maps and a geographical naming convention (Attachment 1)

The proposed revised Schedule A (Attachment 2) includes new Indigenous names for municipal wards as recommended by the Naming Committee.

Ward Name Development | Process Summary

Wards were referred to by letter in the Ward Boundary Commission's Final Report, presented to City Council on May 25, 2020, as a means to differentiate the existing and proposed boundary structures. (Attachment 4) While the Commission's report did not formally propose the adoption of a new nomenclature, it recommended that Council consider a more intuitive naming convention.

At the May 25, 2020, Council meeting, Bylaw 17138 *Naming Committee* was amended to include an expanded mandate including place and geography based nomenclature for municipal electoral wards. Between the May and June Council meetings, the Naming Committee determined possible geographical names for the new municipal wards as directed by Council.

On June 16, 2020, proposed geographical names for the municipal wards were presented to Council and a non-statutory public hearing was held. At this Council meeting, Bylaw 19366 was amended to include a numbering system, geographical names for the municipal wards and first reading was given. A subsequent motion directed the Naming Committee to develop a nomenclature that acknowledges and reflects Edmonton's Indigenous heritage and Administration was directed to return to the September Council meeting with an updated bylaw. Attachment 3 of this report offers specific detail on the proposed nomenclature and the comprehensive engagement and consultation process undertaken to support its development between June and August.

The naming for municipal wards is charted below:

Ward Boundary Commission Report	Naming Committee (1st iteration)	Bylaw 19366 (1st reading)	Naming Committee Recommendation
A	Jasper Place	1 - Jasper Place	Nakota Isga (1)
B	Northwest	2 - Northwest	Anirniq (2)
C	North	3 - North	tastawiyiniwak (3)
D	Northeast	4 - Northeast	Dene (4)
E	Central	5 - Central	O-day'min (5)
F	East	6 - East	Métis (6)
G	West	7 - West	sipiwiyiniwak (7)
H	Scona	8 - Scona	papastew (8)
I	Whitemud	9 - Whitemud	pihêsiwin (9)
J	South	10 - South	Ipiihkoohkanipiahtsi (10)
K	Gateway	11 - Gateway	Karhiio (11)
L	Southeast	12 - Southeast	Sspomitapi (12)

The Naming Committee's recommendation for the 12 Ward names is included as Attachment 3.

2021 Edmonton General Election

As required by the *Municipal Government Act*, changes to municipal ward boundaries must be formalized in bylaw by December 31 of the year preceding a municipal general election. A bylaw establishing wards must be advertised and a 60-day petition period must occur subsequently.

As a result, once Bylaw 19366 is advertised, there will be insufficient time to consider further amendments when the bylaw returns to Council for second and third reading. If Bylaw 19366 does not receive three readings prior to December 31, the current ward boundaries will remain in effect for the 2021 General Election.

In accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)*, Nomination Period for the 2021 Edmonton General Election begins on January 4th, 2021.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Edmontonians are connected to the City in which they live, work and play.			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Edmontonians have a voice in shaping their City through equitable representation at City Council	Population representation per ward	Boundary adjustments establish wards that ensure a proportional distribution of eligible voters across the city	Population of each ward remains within a range of +/- 25% of the optimum

Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score (with current mitigations)	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Public Perception	Residents believe the level of public consultation to be insufficient, leading to the perception that any ward boundary adjustments do not reflect public interest	1 - rare	1 - minor	1 - low	Engagement activities provided a number of opportunities for stakeholders to share perspectives. The Naming Committee's recommendation aligns with the mandate given by City Council. The Ward Boundary Commission's report describes the alignment between their recommended concept and the criteria of the Ward Boundary Design Policy.	The 60 day petition period provides residents with a formal opportunity to declare their opposition to the proposed adjustments.

Public Engagement

The engagement activities undertaken by the Naming Committee and Ward Boundary Commission are described in their respective recommendation and report documents.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 19366
2. Replacement Schedule A
3. Naming Committee's Recommended Ward Names
4. Ward Boundary Review Final Report

Others Reviewing this Report

- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
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