

Edmonton Design Committee

Process for Appointing Architects

Recommendation

That Urban Planning Committee recommend to City Council:

That Administration draft an amendment to Bylaw 14054, Edmonton Design Committee Bylaw, to remove the requirement for the members representing the Alberta Association of Architects to be nominated by the Alberta Association of Architects.

Executive Summary

Urban Planning Committee is asked to recommend to City Council a change in the selection process for members of the Edmonton Design Committee further to a request from the Alberta Association of Architects.

Report

The Edmonton Design Committee (“the Committee”) is a Council Committee established under Bylaw 14054, Edmonton Design Committee Bylaw. The Committee’s purpose is to improve the quality of urban design in Edmonton.

The Committee is composed of up to 11 members appointed at the pleasure of Council for one-year terms, including one member-at-large, one member representing the development industry, and up to nine members representing the following bodies:

- a) Up to three members nominated by the Alberta Association of Architects;
- b) A member nominated by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geophysicists of Alberta;
- c) Up to two members nominated by the Alberta Association of Landscape Architects;
- d) A member nominated by the Alberta Association Canadian Institute of Planners;
- e) A member nominated by the Edmonton Arts Council; and
- f) A faculty member of the University of Alberta’s fine arts or industrial design program, nominated by the University of Alberta.

The member-at-large and the member representing the development industry are recruited in the same manner as other citizen appointments to various Council Committees. There is a public recruitment campaign for applicants and Urban

Planning Committee reviews the applications, selects new members and recommends appointments to City Council. The nine representative positions are nominated by the appropriate organizations. Council is then asked to make the appointments.

Alberta Association of Architects

Although the Alberta Association of Architects is willing to notify their membership of the opportunity to serve on the Committee, it no longer wishes to nominate candidates for these positions.

New Process for Members Representing the Alberta Association of Architects

Administration proposes that Committee members representing the Alberta Association of Architects now be included in the citizen recruitment campaign and that Urban Planning Committee act as the selection committee for these positions. If City Council approves this change to the selection process, then an amendment to the Edmonton Design Committee Bylaw would be required.

Public Engagement

This report establishes a new way to select members of the Edmonton Design Committee that are in good standing with the Alberta Association of Architects. Public engagement will be conducted when new members are recruited.

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)
Edmonton Design Committee has members with backgrounds related to the work of the Committee.	Number of applications received from applicants with architectural background	TBD	Three members with architectural experience are appointed