

# Bylaw 19018

## Amendments to Bylaw 16675 - Edmonton Salutes Committee Bylaw

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### Purpose

To replace Bylaw 16675, Edmonton Salutes Committee Bylaw.

### Readings

Bylaw 19018 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 third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 19018 be considered for third reading.”

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Previous Council/Committee Action

At the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration work with Edmonton Salutes to prepare amendments to Bylaw 16675, Edmonton Salutes Committee Bylaw, to continue Edmonton Salutes as a Council Committee in general alignment with section 7.1 of Attachment 1 of the June 22, 2020, Communications & Engagement report CR\_7848.

### Report Summary

In alignment with Council’s motion at the June 22, 2020 meeting, the Edmonton Salutes Committee Bylaw has been rewritten in alignment with section 7.1 of Attachment 1 of the June 22, 2020, Communications & Engagement Report, CR\_7848.

## Report

The current bylaw was last updated in 2014. Updating the bylaw is an important part of the work directed by Council in 2020 to modernize the Committee.

The following highlights some of the major changes being proposed.

### Membership

The current Edmonton Salutes Committee does not include any members appointed by Council, and is composed of a mix of voting and non-voting members for a total of:

- one Councillor;
- six public members appointed by the Committee; and
- at least 16 members appointed by government entities and community organizations.

Overall, this membership model is inconsistent with the membership structure of other Council committees.

Other areas of inconsistency include having a Councillor serve as a member as opposed to an advisory role. For other Council committees, Councillors serve in an advisory role to provide a connection between Council and the work of the committee. The current bylaw provides that the Councillor member serves as Vice-Chair, albeit for the limited purpose of chairing meetings in the Chair's absence.

The proposed bylaw updates the membership and partially resolves the inconsistencies between Edmonton Salutes and other Council committees by removing the distinction between voting and non-voting members and having Council make some of the appointments. In total, the proposed Committee will include up to 24 members, composed of:

- one Councillor;
- eight public members appointed by Council; and
- 15 members appointed by regional municipalities and community organizations.

As a member, the Councillor appointed to Edmonton Salutes would be eligible to become Chair or Vice-Chair, which is inconsistent with the Councillor as advisor role for other council committees, but the proposed bylaw also provides that any member appointed by community organizations and Council, including the Councillor appointee, is eligible to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair.

The increase in public members partially balances the number of members that will not be appointed by Council; however, Council-appointed members will not form a majority.

In addition, since a majority of members of Edmonton Salutes will not be appointed by Council, Council's Policy regarding maximum terms of service for Council committee members (six years) will not apply to most of the committee. For example, members appointed by regional municipalities and community organizations could potentially be re-appointed indefinitely.

At the time of making its appointments, Council can determine whether or not to apply its Policy to the Council appointees and may wish to stagger membership terms for its initial appointees to ensure that not all of the Council appointed members reach their maximum terms at the same time. This approach can be incorporated into the recruitment process if the new bylaw is approved.

#### Mandate and Authority

Generally, the mandate of Edmonton Salutes under the proposed bylaw remains similar to its current role; however, it is being granted an additional, unique authority to approve sponsorship funding for projects within its mandate and Council-approved budget. Other Council committees do not have this authority.

All members of Edmonton Salutes would be entitled to vote on these sponsorships, which may create a conflict of interest for members who are part of or appointed by an organization that is seeking funding through this authority, the Committee will be required to have robust conflict controls in place.

#### Coming into Force Date

The proposed bylaw would come into force on October 26, 2021, to coincide with the date of the next Council's inaugural organizational meeting, at which a Councillor member would be appointed to the Committee. Delaying the coming into force of the proposed bylaw would also allow time for the recruitment of the eight Council-appointed public members to occur.

### **Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management**

<b>Corporate Outcome(s): Edmontonians are connected to the city in which they live, work and play.</b>			
<b>Outcome(s)</b>	<b>Measure(s)</b>	<b>Result(s)</b>	<b>Target(s)</b>
The Edmonton Salutes Committee bylaw is updated to provide greater clarity around the mandate, activities and membership of the Committee.	The Bylaw is passed by City Council.	To be determined	Proposed bylaw is passed.

### **Public Engagement**

Members of the Edmonton Salutes Committee participated in the development of this bylaw.

### **Attachments**

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### **Others Reviewing this Report**

- K. Fallis-Howell, Acting City Solicitor