

Bylaw 19366

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

Purpose

Bylaw 19366 (Attachment 1) is ready to receive second and third readings.

This bylaw amends Bylaw 15142-*City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries and Council Composition* by replacing the existing schedule A for the purposes of:

- aligning geographical municipal ward boundaries, as described in the final report submitted by the Ward Boundary Commission (Attachment 2)
- adopting ward names as recommended by the Naming Committee (Attachment 3).

Advertising and Signing

Bylaw 19366 was advertised in the Edmonton Journal on Saturday, September 26, 2020, and Saturday, October 3, 2020.

No petitions were received by the Office of the City Clerk during the subsequent 60-day petition period required by the *Municipal Government Act*.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the September 21, 2020, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

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.

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

1. That Bylaw 19366 be read a first time, as amended.
2. 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 Bylaw 19366, which replaces the current Schedule A of Bylaw 15142 *City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries and Council Composition Bylaw*.

The geographical boundaries reflect the Ward Boundary Commission's recommendation, submitted to City Council on May 25, 2020. Bylaw 19366 received first reading by City Council on June 16, 2020.

Bylaw 19366 was amended by City Council on September 21, 2020.

2021 Edmonton General Election

As per the *Municipal Government Act*, any changes to the City of Edmonton Ward Boundaries must be approved in Bylaw prior to December 31, 2020 to come into effect for the 2021 Edmonton General Election.

Should Bylaw 19366 receive three readings before December 31, 2020, the existing geographical boundaries and ward names will remain in place until October 18, 2021. The new ward boundaries and names will take effect on Election Day, 2021 and apply for the subsequent four-year term.

If Bylaw 19366 does not receive three readings at this time, the current ward boundaries and names would remain in effect for the 2021 General Election and subsequent four-year term.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

| Corporate Outcome(s): Edmontonians are connected to the City in which they live, work and play. | | | |
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| 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 | 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. Ward Boundary Commission Report
3. Naming Committee Recommendation

Others Reviewing

- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor