

## Edmonton Combative Sports Commission - 2021 Annual Work Plan

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The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (ECSC) is a Council Committee composed of up to seven volunteer citizen members. This governance body operates within the jurisdiction established by City Council through the *Edmonton Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 15638*. The ECSC supplements the regulatory provisions in the *Combative Sports Bylaw 15594* through further regulations on combative sports matters such as licensing, conduct, qualifications and contests. The ECSC also serves as an appeal body for decisions made by the Executive Director regarding licensing and permitting.

| ITEM                         | DESCRIPTION  | OUTPUT AND STATUS  | TARGET  |
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| Annual Work Plan Development | Develop an annual work plan that details expected outcomes and timeframes. The plan will be updated monthly. | At the February 2021 meeting, the Commission reviewed and approved their 2021 work plan. The plan will continue to be reviewed and updated as part of regular Commission meetings. | Q1 2021 |
| Annual Budget                | Develop an annual budget and identify priorities requiring funding.  | The Commission will review its annual budget periodically. The Commission formally adopted its 2021 budget in November of 2020. The 2022 budget will be considered in Q4 of 2021.  | Q4 2021 |

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| Annual Report and Presentation         | Prepare ECSC annual report for presentation to the Community and Public Services Committee.   | The Commission provides an update on the annual work plan to report on its priorities and annual accomplishments. This report is delivered by the Chair and Vice Chair. The 2019 and 2020 update will be provided on May 5, 2021.  | Q3 2021 |
| New Member Recruitment and Orientation | City Council appoints new Commissioners as required based on the recommendations of the selection Committee. The ECSC Chair provides feedback on the Commission's needs (e.g., desired skill sets and overall considerations for appointments) and on the potential appointees. Following the appointment of new members, the Commission provides an orientation. | The recruitment of new members concluded in March of 2021 with two new appointments to the Commission. The recruitment process was effective, and a number of strong candidates applied for the vacant positions. The two new Commission members will attend their first meeting in May of 2021. The Commission does not have any vacancies. | Q2 2021 |

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| Ongoing Education and Development | There are several opportunities for continued learning for Commission members including Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Conference, Association of Ringside Physicians Conference (ARP), City of Edmonton (COE) training events, etc.                 | In 2020 most events were cancelled. The Commission has yet to identify any training opportunities for 2021.   | Ongoing  |
| ECSC Retreat                      | Establish a time for the Commission to focus on flushing out its priorities and objectives for the short term.  | Planning for 2021 retreat will be postponed in light of the pandemic and revisited in the first quarter of 2021.  | On hold. |
| Policy Review                     | The Commission established a Policy Review Subcommittee which leads the review of existing ECSC policies to determine if changes are required to enhance combatant safety and to ensure the effective regulation of combative sports in the City of Edmonton. | Review and redraft of several key policies (now Regulations) are complete, including Regulation 1, 3, and 8. The drafting of a new Appeals Regulation has also been completed and the regulation was approved in April. In 2021, the Commission will focus on stakeholder engagement for regulations 1, 3, 8. | Q4 2021  |

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| <p>Policy Review – Stakeholder Engagement</p> | <p>A key phase of reviewing the policies will be stakeholder engagement. The purpose is to seek input on the approved draft policies/regulations and identify any potential gaps prior to finalizing the new versions.</p> | <p>The subcommittee is exploring options for how to approach stakeholder engagement considering the high cost of the original estimate provided by city administration and considering the complications of conducting such an engagement during a pandemic.</p> | <p>Q3 2021</p> |
| <p>Health Education Resources</p>             | <p>Develop and promote health education for athletes in professional combative sports.</p>   | <p>This topic was addressed as part of the 2020 Commission retreat but work was delayed due to COVID-19. The Commission will need to determine any future work is still desirable.</p>   | <p>2022</p>    |