



Office of the Mayor

# Mayor Jyoti Gondek

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## The City of Calgary announces new Integrity Commissioner

CALGARY — Mayor Jyoti Gondek today announced the appointment of Ellen-Anne O'Donnell as Council's new Integrity Commissioner.

As former Chair of the Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, Ms. O'Donnell brings over 30 years of legal experience and public service to her new role at The City, including mediation, arbitration and dispute resolution.

"I am honored to accept this appointment, which will allow me to meaningfully serve Calgarians and the City of Calgary. I will apply my extensive expertise, commitment, and dedication to the highest ethical standards, in fulfilling my responsibilities as the Integrity Commissioner." said Ms. O'Donnell, of her new role.

In addition to having practiced law and arbitration across Alberta, Ms. O'Donnell holds degrees from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University and McGill University, plus additional certifications in Advanced Negotiation from Harvard Law School and Arbitration with the ADR Institute of Alberta.

Ms. O'Donnell has also served in leadership roles with the Canadian Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, Criminal Injuries Review Board and served as an Alberta Queen's Bench Dispute Resolution Officer in Family law. Her volunteer service includes governance roles at Hospice Calgary and The Elizabeth Fry Society of Calgary.

"The Integrity Commissioner's role is necessary to ensure City Council remains accountable to the people we serve. We are fortunate to have someone as qualified as Ms. O'Donnell in this role and I'm confident in the trust she will build with Calgarians." said Mayor Jyoti Gondek of The City's new Integrity Commissioner, pointing to Ms. O'Donnell's record of public service and experience resolving complex challenges.

In 2016, The City of Calgary became the first municipality in western Canada to appoint an Integrity Commissioner. Within the Integrity and Ethics Office, the Integrity Commissioner is responsible for investigating and adjudicating potential ethics matters related to City Council where she sees fit.

To learn more about The City's Integrity Commissioner and Ethics Advisor roles, please visit [Integrity and Ethics Office Roles](#) and the [Integrity and Ethics Office terms of reference](#).

Ms. O'Donnell replaces Meryl Whittaker, who retired in September 2021 following a lengthy and impressive career in public service.

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