



MANDATE

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COMPOSITION

15 Members:

- 10 Public Members
- 5 Administration Members

ANNUAL UPDATE & KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Please see Attachment A below

CHALLENGES

The Committee's mandate is to provide,

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The Committee acts as a conduit between Council and Administration to advance biodiversity conservation and awareness. There have been challenges fulfilling this mandate. In brief they are:

- Biodiversity conservation requires cross-corporate coordination and thus prioritization among City business units. Generally, this work has been associated with Calgary Parks and Open Spaces, but needs to be embraced cross-corporately for success.
- Reduced staffing and budgetary support to Calgary Parks and Open Spaces, the lead business unit responsible for the BiodiverCity Action Plan, continues to have adverse effect on the timeliness of document and plan delivery to the Committee, as well as implementation on biodiversity-related projects. In turn, this limits what the Committee can review and bring its expertise to bear on.

WORKPLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR

- Please see Attachment B below.

OPERATIONS



BiodiverCity Advisory Committee

The Biodiversity Advisory Committee (BAC) met once every month in 2021 on the third Wednesday, with the exception of August. There was also a 4 hour planning session in February 2021. In addition to the virtual meetings, the BAC held one optional physically distanced field trip to Dale Hodges Park in September 2021.

Participation in meetings has not been impacted by COVID-19. The BAC has had virtual meetings using Microsoft Teams and the general public are able to join at any time through this technology.

ATTACHMENTS

If you wish to include attachments, please list below:

- A. Summary of initiatives, projects or work completed or ongoing in the last year
- B. Outline of 2022 workplan
- C. Additional Information for Council