



General Assembly 5:50 - 8:30 pm, February 5, 2025
Virtual

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: meet.google.com/nbk-gpjm-nth

[CEYC Bylaw 20676](#)

| Invited Attendees | |
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| All Voting Committee Members, Youth at Large (optional), Cllr Janz, Cllr Salvador, Sarah Patterson, Carissa Lamoureux, Pooja Sigauke , Michael Gunther, Joseph Lema | |

| 1.0 Welcome [5:50 pm] | |
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| 1.1 Call to Order | 5:53 pm |
| 1.2 Land Acknowledgment (CoE Land Acknowledgement) | Mambouomuni |
| 1.3 Approval of the Agenda | MOTION: Approval of the agenda with the amendment of inserting the link midway through the meeting for the breakout rooms of restructuring the Internal subcommittee. Carried (U) |

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| | MOTION: Amend the agenda and move 2.0 after 4.0. Carried (U) |
| 1.4 Approval of the January 8, 2025 minutes | Approval of the minutes Carried (U) |

| 2.0 Standing Items | |
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| 2.1 Councilor Updates (5 minutes) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael Janz shared updates on his webpage. Check it out for more information: https://www.michaeljanz.ca/updates - Annual service plan launch occurring soon |
| 2.2 Chair Updates (5 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUILD Program - external activity for youth • Headshot / VCM + Exec Bios • Work Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Materials Due Feb. 7th ◦ Calendar Change Update • Drug Strategy Initiative Conversation + Actionable Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BUILD program is an organization that works on democratic reform (i.e. how to train on how to be an advocate, and solidarity). Speak to A. Raina for more information - The VCM's Biographies and headshots will be updated on the CEYC webpage and used for social media. Please use the form if you want to update your bio by February 14, 2025 - Annual Report and workplan are being worked on and will be submitted on February 7, 2025 to City Clerk's Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggesting that CEYC move the term to start in August; create a motion to approve/oppose at the March General Assembly - Chairs of CEYC and Administration met to discuss the Projects Initiative: Addictions survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The survey will not be going forward |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handbook | <p>under the banner of CEYC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administration to work on a meeting/presentation with the Drug Strategy team/Violence Prevention Strategy team <p>MOTION: Administration to approach the Drug Strategy team to invite to an upcoming GA CEYC meeting this term. MOTION to disapprove Carried (U)</p> <p>ACTION: Administration to meet with the Addiction Initiative team, Policy Co-Chairs, and CEYC Co-Chairs to meet with the Drug Strategy team to an upcoming meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the CEYC handbook and send any comments/updates to Administration before the March General Assembly (GA). Motion to adopt the handbook during the March GA. |
| <p>2.3 Administration Updates (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update | |

| 3.0 Public Relations presentation | |
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| <p>3.1 Presentation</p> <p>Public Spaces Bylaw (at Community and Public Service Committee February 10th)</p> <p>For more information: City Public Spaces Bylaw webpage</p> | <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biking concern: riding your bike on the road seems more dangerous than riding on the sidewalk (especially at night) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will be considered through thoughtful enforcement as there was only 14 tickets issued in 2024 - If a Peace officer sees public drug use, a \$25 fine could be issued or the peace officer could use discretion and ask them to stop |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the use of fines, does the City wish to reduce the visibility of the issues instead of dealing with root causes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some things are within the City's jurisdiction/authority (Provincial and Federal) - Some drug use can lead to safety concerns (the minimum fine is \$25). The CoE understands that the fine probably won't be paid, however, this allows the peace officer to lawfully intervene - Who are community outreach teams? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will get back to the committee on who are the teams and their shifts - There is concern that peace officers could abuse their power - Are there enough shelters with capacity for the houselessness? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the data? - Province of Alberta stats show that the 5000 houseless individuals have enough provisional housing (i.e. couch surfing, not currently in a shelter or sleeping rough), however the City is prepared to scale up capacity immediately in the event of a surge in demand - Downtown safety toolkit - What is the procedure for enforcing the law? - Peace officers have many tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not need to use a formal procedure to stop the situation. They could engage, explain, encourage and enforce (for example). - They are trained to do what is the safest within the bylaws, but the |
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| | <p>discretion to do what's best to address/discourage the situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can Peace officers consider waiving fees for public drug use (i.e. if they agree to seek addictions treatment)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipal government act provides 2 options for bylaws consequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fine - Year incarceration - Any treatment is set up by the province - Legally, Peace officers need issue a fine to defuse situations - Provisions in the traffic bylaw are moving over to public spaces bylaw so that the public has an easier way to find what they need - Public gatherings (only on City owned and operated lands) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who will be giving out and looking over the permits? Fast? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civic events division - Who has the veto power? - Concern about abuse of power about what type of gatherings can take place) - The City could get in legal trouble if they prohibit protests, so there are checks and balances in place - Need clarification on what is a transit space within the bylaw? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transit stations (boarding and unboarding of transit vehicles) - Fines could be waived during times of extreme weather (i.e. loitering in transit stations). I.e. Most likely someone would not be issued a ticket for improper use of a transit space in the |
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| | <p>extreme cold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transit officers are trained to do a safe handoff so that they are provided with a warm space; trying to be compassionate - GBA + report directly conflicts with the bylaw interpretation consumption of substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The bylaw had many different considerations and landed on a balance for the recommendations - Refer to the what we heard report - Did the development of the bylaw collaborate with others? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D & I committee - GBA + lens - Transit enforcement - Social Development - Housing and Homelessness - Fire and Rescue |
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4.0 CEYC Position on Revised Public Spaces Motion

4.1 Background / Rationale (10 mins)

- Mathew will talk about the history of the bylaw in relation to CEYC and the motion
- Angel will talk about the motion, [external affair response](#) transparency and amending it = this is assigned as homework to bring up at next GA
- Council Letter

- Explained the updates and places for concern within the bylaw
- Impacts included for Edmontonians
- Some of the concerns were addressed in the presentation
- Amend CEYC's Official Method of Response to External Affairs to reduce ambiguity

MOTION: Vote on publishing the op-ed as the official CEYC stance on the public spaces bylaw hearing
VCM's: R. Hanf, J. Huynh, B. Magalnick, M. Kuverua, M. Katz, A. Arulnithy, S. Kaur, D. Mao, I. Sayed, C. Au, B. Jiao, A. Raina, A. Peddi

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| | <p>Carried (U)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter to Council on CEYC's stance of the Public Spaces Bylaw draft is prepared - CEYC will share the letter with other advisory committees as it is written from on behalf of all approval of advisory boards, and will update if the committees do now want to sign their names <p>MOTION: For approval that CEYC sends, in conjunction with the other advisory boards (if they agree), to send the letter on the Public Spaces Bylaw to Council VCM's: R. Hanf, J. Huynh, B. Magalnick, M. Kuverua, M. Katz, A. Arulnithy, S. Kaur, D. Mao, I. Sayed, C. Au, B. Jiao, A. Raina, A. Peddi Carried (U)</p> |
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| 5.0 Discussion | |
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| 5.1 Updates from Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addiction Initiative is working with Administration on new opportunities - Community safety completed the survey and now getting feedback from community groups - Anti - racism Initiative is looking into collaborating with schools |
| 5.2 Updates from Internal Networking initiative form (responses needed) Social Media Post Request Form (announcement) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created team Adobe accounts /CEYC webpage account up and running - Will update the CEYC website once the biogs are confirmed - Social media request form finished (GA agenda), will distribute to the whole committee for use - Created a form on potential careers that you may be interested in for the Networking event |

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| 5.3 Updates from Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Summit finalized their event plan and working on determining the venue and the speakers - Suicide prevention project is moving along |
| 5.4 Breakout rooms for restructuring of Internal Subcommittee | MOTION - Table discussion on the restructuring of the Internal Subcommittee for the March General Assembly meeting Carried (U) |

| 6.0 Adjournment | |
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| 6.1 Birthdays!! | |
| 6.2 Motion to Adjourn | 9:23 pm |

| Next meeting and upcoming dates | |
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| GA - March 5, 2025 5:30 - 8:30 pm | |
| Policy - February 10, 2025 7:00 - 8:30 pm | |
| Projects - February 13, 2025 5:30 - 7:30 pm | |
| Internal - TBD | |