

## General Assembly -5:30 - 8:30pm , April 2, 2025 In person - Edmonton Tower

Google Meet joining info Video call link: <u>meet.google.com/nbk-gpjm-nth</u> <u>CEYC Bylaw 20676</u>

## **Invited Attendees**

Voting Committee Members- **In Person:** Ben Magalnick, Thomas Beschell, Sayem Ali Ahmed, Mambouomuni Kuverua, Moneek Sandhu Voting Committee Members- **Online:** Rowan Hanf, Aditya Peddi, Angelina Raina, Ashley Arulnithy, Ellen Tam, Jessica Huynh, Reet Khinda, Irshad Sayed, Mathew Katz, Dominic Mao

City of Edmonton: Pooja Sigauke, Sarah Parkinson, Councillor Micheal Janz, Councillor Ashley Salvador

Regrets: Reetu Arvikar, Corinne Au, Speena Dalal, Bella Jiao, Harsehaj Kaur

Youth at Large Attended: Aheri I, Ethan Hermandez, Brandon HunYule Kwon, Arni Roy, Sehaj Kaur, Joanna Z, Diamond McCarthy

<b>1.0 Welcome</b> [5:50 pm]	
1.1 Call to Order	A. Ahmed call to order 5:58pm

1.2 Land Acknowledgment ( <u>CoE Land Acknowledgement</u> )	Rowan Hanf gave Land Acknowledgment
1.3 Approval of the Agenda	A. Ahmed
	First A.Ahmed
	Motion Passes
1.4 <u>Approval of the March 5, 2025 minutes</u>	First: A. Ahmed
	Passes

2.0 Standing Items	
2.1 Councilor Updates (5 minutes)	Cllr Salvador discussed that the agenda was presented to the council. Updates on capital and operating finances, including progress and adherence to budgets, were discussed. Verification of budget compliance and internal budget alignment was conducted.
	Cllr Janz discusses the projected deficit of sixty million dollars was reduced to seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the budget. Deficits were incurred in the past three years. This reduction indicates progress. However, delays occurred and initiatives were also cancelled.
	Cllr Salvador discusses how there was a proposal for a zero-based budgeting model to track expenditures and ensure accountability. They are also exploring a results-based budgeting model to align with city plans

	and objectives. Additionally, a dedicated renewal fund is being considered to support new infrastructure and maintenance, which will take 18 to 20 years to accumulate.
	Cllr Janz mentioned that Edmonton's population is rapidly growing, leading to increased urban activity and a forthcoming spring budget adjustment. Mayor Sohi is on leave, and the city is addressing the cost of living and zoning bylaw concerns. Construction is booming, but residential zone design standards need improvement.
	A.Ahmed asked a question regarding how are tariffs playing into the budget adjustments. Cllr Salvador replied that discussions will include administration discussing financial implications, and regional and team strategy modifications and their societal and communal consequences.
	A.Raina discusses the upcoming municipal election including how political party affiliation and what is the changes voters see and how the city deals with misinformation, Cllr Janz explained that no one is able to do this unfortunately.
<ul> <li>2.2 Chair Updates (5 mins)</li> <li>Presentation for School visits update</li> <li>March 10, 2025 presentation of Annual Report to Council</li> <li>CEYC Open House discussion</li> <li>Location of GA's decision</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A. Raina</li> <li>Annual Report to Council <ul> <li>The presentation of subcommittee initiatives was delivered. Future meetings will consist of two subcommittees, as the internal subcommittee has been dissolved. Discussions regarding internal initiatives will be incorporated within the Projects and Policy subcommittee.</li> <li>A discussion was held concerning the concept of a working group and its associated term.</li> <li>Ali and I are scheduled to conduct a formal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>meeting with the Administration at the end of May.</li> <li>This restructuring should not be viewed as a negative development. While unfortunate, it provides an opportunity for a more meaningful reorganization. The dissolution of the internal subcommittee is not a reflection of poor performance, but rather a strategic adjustment to streamline operations within the existing policy and project frameworks.</li> <li>School visits <ul> <li>Difficult to schedule during the day. This is something to discuss and updates on this shortly as well</li> </ul> </li> <li>VOTE:</li> <li>Location for GA</li> <li>Options include hybrid- city hall, hybrid- edmonton tower and online only</li> <li>Decision- Hybrid Edmonton Tower by show of votes</li> <li>VCM in person or hybrid- Future topic for GA</li> </ul>
2.3 Administration Updates (5 mins)	Administration
<ul> <li><u>Update</u></li> <li><u>Handbook approval</u></li> <li>Agenda and Minutes Templates</li> </ul>	Internal to be removed from the handbook as well. Policy is interested in taking this on.
	A.Ahmed: Motion: to approve the ceyc handbook and commit to doing a yearly review in the spring
	Angel, opposed 0, abstain: thomas Approved: passes.
	Cllr. Salvador opens up the discussion regarding activities

to refine the advisory component and inform decisions. A streamlined approach is needed to identify areas where council would benefit from advice, such as housing, the downtown action plan, and the anti-racism plan. A robust process is desired. There is a strong desire among council members to determine the most effective method for receiving advice.
Councillor Janz inquired about the formal process by which council advisory committees, including the youth council, provide advice. This includes how they review topics and reports, and how they engage with council, potentially through meetings with committee chairs or changes to subcommittee structures.
Executive to discuss here, Estab is a good example. Councillors have to make decisions on reports.
Councilor Janz: exit 7:15pm

3.0 Discussion	
3.1 Updates from Policy	E. Tam The next initiative will no longer be happening. Monday night meetings are occurring and anti racism initiatives in high school and junior high as well.
3.2 Updates from Internal	S. Kaur
	Internal is ceasing to exist, networking and semi finalized a date. PR working on some evergreen content
3.3 Updates from Projects	M. Kuverua Two initiative and suicide prevention workshop and

thomas is running it. Event outline and happening towards the end of may. Youth summit mid May.
R.Hanf Worked on self care portion. Meditation, yoga, journaling, making stress balls. Community supports and professionals in social justice. Looking for a speaker here and bring into our summit. Contacts here as well. Advertising is happening.
A.Raina inquired as to if they could invite the current MP or MLA. S.Patterson let them know that if they are coming in their current capacity they can but they cannot campaign and who they show up as. S.Patterson also mentioned that whomever you get as a speaker, must be articulated in your outcomes. In your role as an advisory board, who is the best speaker and why. What would be their role and purpose and guest speaker to advise your municipal government.
Ask to Admin: Final week of May- Edmonton Tower Room booking for networking event.
Cllr Salvador left 7:30pm

5.0 CEYC Method of Response to External Affairs	
5.1 Vote on the revised <u>Method of Response to External Affairs</u>	A.Raina discusses how this document details the previously approved official response method and VCM voting process, and is presented for formal voting as the revised document. M. Kuverua mentioned that Public opinion and the perspective of civil servants should be considered and treated fairly. Provisions should be made for anonymous submissions, if necessary.

	Motion: To pass the revised version of CEYC response to ext. affairs as a governing document with the ask that admin bring us information on the publication of voting procedures. First: Moneek. All approved.
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6.0 Adjournment	
6.1 Birthdays!!	Thomas Beschell Birthday!!
6.2 Motion to Adjourn	Motion to Adjourn: 8:09pm

Next meeting and upcoming dates	
GA - May 7, 2025 5:30 - 8:30 pm	
Chair/Admin - April 30, 2025 12:00 - 1:00 pm	
Executive - April 23, 2025 7:30 - 8:30 pm	
Policy - April 28, 2025 5:00 - 6:30 pm	
Projects - April 17, 2025 7:00 - 8:00 pm	