

MANDATE + TERMS OF REFERENCE

Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton

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As outlined in the [City of Edmonton Bylaw #16658](#) for Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton, the Mandate and Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee to Council.

2.5: Mandate

The Mandate of the Committee is to:

- (a) make recommendations to Council about women's gender based issues and opportunities in relations to Council policies, priorities and decisions;
- (b) promote leadership development to empower Edmonton women to fully participate in civic life; and
- (c) research and provide information and resources about women's gender based issues and opportunities to Edmontonians.

2.6: Terms of Reference

The Committee will fulfill its mandate by honouring the principles of diversity and inclusion while performing functions in two key areas:

- (a) Advocating and providing advice and leadership on women's perspectives through activities such as
 - a. identifying and integrating women's gender perspective opportunities in urban development, services, programs and policies from inception to evaluation;
 - b. advocating to Council and residents of Edmonton for recognition of the needs and interests of women in relation to programs, services, and urban development;
 - c. making recommendations to eliminate barriers to women's participation in civic life;
 - d. engaging with entities with mandates similar to the Committee;
- (b) Acting as a resource, liaison and centralized voice for Edmonton women through activities such as:
 - a. promoting and facilitating training opportunities through mentorship and networking;
 - b. exploring evidence based research and wise practices to improve civic engagement of diverse Edmonton women;
 - c. identifying and reporting on emerging issues and projects of interest to Edmonton women.