



# CITY POLICY

**POLICY NUMBER: C589**

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**REFERENCE:**

**ADOPTED BY:**

City Council December 13, 2016

**SUPERSEDES:**

**New**

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**PREPARED BY:** Office of the City Manager

**DATE:** December 6, 2016

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**TITLE:** **Accessible Participation in Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, and Public Hearings Meetings for Individuals with Disabilities**

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**Policy Statement:**

The City of Edmonton is an inclusive organization that values public participation. Administration will strive to ensure Committee meetings, Council meetings, and Public Hearings are accessible for individuals with disabilities or experiencing disability, in order to allow full participation.

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**The purpose of this policy is:**

To provide for equitable opportunity to participate in City of Edmonton Committee meetings, Council meetings, and Public Hearings, regardless of ability.

**Policy:**

Individuals with disabilities, or individuals experiencing disability, will be granted an exception, as contemplated by section 11 of Schedule C of the Procedures and Committees Bylaw, Bylaw 12300, to participate by communication facility in Council and Standing Committee meetings without being located outside Edmonton.

In addition, Administration will use other methods within its capacity to assist and encourage the in-person participation of those individuals with disabilities, or experiencing disability, in City of Edmonton Committee meetings, Council meetings, and Public Hearings.