



City of St. Albert
CITY COUNCIL POLICY

Governing Style

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Policy

The Council will govern with an emphasis on:

1. outward vision rather than internal preoccupation,
2. encouragement of diversity in view points,
3. strategic leadership more than administrative detail,
4. clear distinction of council and Chief Administrative Officer roles,
5. collective rather than individual decisions,
6. future with an understanding of the past or present, and
7. proactivity rather than reactivity.

Standards

The Council will:

1. Be responsible for excellence in governing and cultivate a sense of group responsibility.
2. Respect the knowledge of individual members to enhance the ability of the Council as a body.
3. Be the initiator of policy facilitated by staff.
4. Direct, inspire and hold accountable the corporation through the establishment of governance policies reflecting the Council's values and priorities about outcomes to be achieved. The Council's policy focus will be on the intended short-term and long-term outcomes for the corporation and the community, not on how the outcomes will be achieved.
5. Enforce measures needed to govern with excellence, which will include matters such as attendance, preparation, corporate values, and principles, respect of roles and each other, and ensuring ongoing governance excellence.
6. Include orientation of new members on the Council's governance policies and processes.
7. Include regular reviews of Council's governance policies and processes by Council.
8. Conduct an annual self-evaluation of its performance in accordance with its governance policies and priorities.

Cross References: Policy C-CG-3, Global Governance

