



# CHESTERMERE

**Policy Name: Lake and Watershed Advisory Committee**

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## **I. Purpose**

1. The Lake and Watershed Advisory Committee purpose is to support lake sustainability and recreation lake use management initiatives, implement public education on aquatic invasive species, monitor information on lake quality and watershed visibility, and support the implementation and follow-up activities of a Watershed and Lake Plan.

## **II. Policy**

1. The Lake and Watershed Advisory Committee must follow guidelines and procedures outlined in the Chestermere Committee Guideline Bylaw #025-22.
2. All advice and recommendations must be consistent with the Municipal Development Plan, the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A 2000, Council's Strategic Vision and other relevant Council Policies or Bylaws.



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## III. Responsibilities

1. The responsibilities of the Lake and Watershed Committee include:
  - a. Serve in an advisory capacity to Council providing reports and recommendation on lake and watershed issues, as well as updates on Committee activities;
  - b. Support lake sustainability and recreation lake use management;
  - c. Establish and monitor lake and water quality indicators;
  - d. Support the implementation and follow-up activities of a Lake and Watershed Plan;
  - e. Build public awareness about lake quality, watershed viability and aquatic invasive species;
  - f. Be proactive and keep informed about watershed and lake issues; and
  - g. Participate in regional initiatives related to lake and watershed goals.

## IV. Composition

1. The Committee will be appointed through Council Resolution and shall comprise of five (5) to ten (10) Public Members who reside in Chestermere and two (2) Council Members.

## V. Term

1. The term of membership shall be a period of two (2) years for members of the public and one (1) year for Council Members.

## VI. Meetings

1. The Lake and Watershed Committee shall meet regularly, at least once a month, and may hold additional meetings as necessary.
2. Meetings may be conducted in person or virtually, as determined by the Chairperson.



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## **VII. Confidentiality**

1. Members shall respect the confidentiality of discussions and information shared during meetings.
2. All members must adhere to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP), ensuring transparency in operations while safeguarding personal information. Members must also respect the confidentiality of sensitive organizational information.

## **VIII. Evaluation**

1. Members may complete periodic or end-of-term self-evaluations and group evaluations considering their progress, contributions and impact as it pertains to their responsibilities.

## **IX. Amendments**

1. This term of reference may be amended by the City Council upon recommendations from the Mayor and Council or by Committees members.



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