



# GOVERNANCE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

**Title** EDL - Team Lethbridge

**Meeting Date** June 27, 2024

**Submitted By** Councillor Crowson, Chair, Governance Standing Policy Committee

**Recommendation from Governance Standing Policy Committee:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council accept the Team Lethbridge presentation for information and confirm Mayor Blaine Hyggen and Councillor Schmidt-Rempel as the Lethbridge City Council members for this year's Team Lethbridge.

**Vote:**  
**Absent:** 1  
**In Favour:** 3-0

**Public Speakers at the Meeting:** None

**Public Submissions:** None

**Submitted By** Trevor Lewington, CEO - Economic Development Lethbridge

**Presented By** Trevor Lewington, CEO - Economic Development Lethbridge

## Summary

Team Lethbridge is a community-wide Lethbridge advocacy and government relations effort that has been ongoing since 2008, with the 2024 team the 8th one that has been organized by the community and arranged meetings with politicians and departments in Edmonton.

**Recommendation(s)**

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Governance Standing Policy Committee recommend that City Council accept the Team Lethbridge presentation for information and confirm Mayor Blaine Hyggen and Councillor Schmidt-Rempel as the Lethbridge City Council members for this year's Team Lethbridge.

## **Financial**

Team Lethbridge participation for the City of Lethbridge costs \$5000, which has already been paid for the 2024 mission. This fee covers planning meetings, ground transportation to Edmonton via bus, lunches, beverages and snacks on site, evening receptions, and more. Fee does not cover hotel costs, which are paid by individual organizations.

## **Background and Prior Decisions**

The City of Lethbridge has participated in Team Lethbridge since 2008, the year the program was started. The City of Lethbridge has often sent three representatives (two from Council and one from Administration). Historically, participation in Team Lethbridge does not replace, but instead enhances, the City of Lethbridge's own advocacy and government relations efforts.

Chair Crowson requested Mr. Lewington to attend the June Governance SPC meeting to present on Team Lethbridge and how it works.

## **Engagement**

N/A

## **Recommendation and Option(s) Analysis**

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## **Attachment(s)**

1. Team Lethbridge Governance SPC Presentation

## **Link(s)**

1. NA