



Policy Title: **White Hat Presentation Policy**

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Business Unit: **Office of the Mayor**

BACKGROUND

Calgary's white hat has long been a symbol of Calgary's hospitality. The tradition of "white hatting" visitors or dignitaries has become known to the world as representing Calgary. The white hat is a unique gift that speaks directly to Calgary's history and also to Calgary's future.

PURPOSE

Establish the white hat presentation criteria.

POLICY

When the Mayor or a Member of Council is, in an official capacity, receiving an individual or group that are guests of the Federal, Provincial, or Municipal Government, and where a gift is required – that gift will be a white hat (unless an individual has previously been presented with a white hat).

In all other cases, the decision to officially present the white hat must adhere to the criteria listed below.

General Criteria:

1. A request for a white hat should meet at least two of the following criteria:
 - a. The sponsoring agency be a charitable organization;
 - b. The cause be one of national or international significance;
 - c. The cause be one of benefit to the majority of Calgarians;
 - d. The cause is an initiative of The City of Calgary.

2. Requests with commercial or political overtones may be considered provided that the request supports a cause which is not contentious or divisive within the community.



PROCEDURE

Requests for the presentation of a White Hat will be considered by the Mayor and Members of Council.

AMENDMENTS

None