



# Minutes

What: BiodiverCity Advisory Committee

When: 14 Sept 2016  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Heritage Boardroom, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Calgary Public Building  
205 - 8th Ave SE

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| Item  | Who           | Duration | Action        |
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| <b>1 Signing of the Durban Commitment for Biodiversity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor to sign The Durban Commitment and photo op</li> </ul>   | Mayor Nenshi  | 30 mins  |               |
| <b>2 Carry over agenda items and welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve previous minutes</li> <li>Sharing of member biodiversity (and other) summer experiences</li> <li>Update on Wildlife, IPM and NAMP work</li> <li>New members selection process/update</li> </ul> | Laura/Steven  | 20 mins  | (Information) |
| <b>3 Work plan update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open floor discussion on the work plan, specially Q4 2016 work</li> </ul>  | All           | 20 mins  | (information) |
| <b>4 Public art / Riverbank stabilization project update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open discussion</li> </ul>  | Steven/Chris  | 30 mins  | (Information) |
| <b>5 Plans for next meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda discussion</li> <li>Subcommittee meeting update and areas of focus discussion</li> </ul>   | Geoff/Meaghan | 10 mins  | (Next steps)  |

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## ITEM 1: Signing of the Durban Commitment for Biodiversity

- Mayor Nenshi signed The Durban Commitment.  
Photos by [Greg Debicki \(City of Calgary, Fire Department\)](#). Anne Charlton (Calgary Parks) was also in attendance.



## ITEM 2: Carry-over agenda items and welcome

- Member biodiversity discussion:
  - Chestermere became Canada's second "Bee City" this summer:  
**ACTION:** Steven to forward information for BAC recommendations
  - Biodiversity recognition letters continue to generate support and the committee listed initial recipients  
**ACTION:** Laura, Steven and Chris will compose a sample letter
- **Information items:**
  - The Urban Wildlife Management Status Report is in preparation for BAC committee response (October/November);
  - Researchers are being sought to complete a literature review and best practices for the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Natural Area Management Plan (NAMP)
  - The implementation plan will be a standardized framework
- **Information:** New member selection Oct. 19th
- Ongoing **discussions** for committee and subcommittee:



- Wild City Mapping: Steven's work plan has on it a revision of the current City of Calgary biodiversity website
  - Current issues include determining the scope of the biodiversity website that the team must prepare for. A brief conversation about opportunities for elements of the site include past oral history initiatives
- Citizen Science: Chris emphasizes the importance of good data and good research questions as the City plans for future collaborations
- The Committee was reminded of the aboriginal policy framework, First Nations Engagement Strategy, and the Blackfoot Traditional Knowledge Keepers (TKK)
- Member activities and notices:
  - Ethan will speak on the nature-infrastructure interface to the Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, Oct. 4
  - Polly and Katie will be speaking at the *Under Western Skies* conference, Mount Royal University, Sept. 27-30
  - Robert: Thomas Lovejoy, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Whyte Museum, Banff; AGM of the Entomological Society of Alberta, Oct. 27-29, University of Calgary
  - Katie: The Annual General Meeting for Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Southern AB will feature a Panel Discussion "The Bison Belong and Beyond," Sept. 29, Mamdan Opera Centre, 1315 7 Street SW Calgary
  - John: Sept. 20th: Gilbert Proulx, Cardel Theatre.
  - Jason: Climate Change Adaptation Committee

### ITEM 3: Work plan update

- **For consideration:** does BAC need a budget to support plans such as science fair prize money, catering, stipends, and other costs?
- **Of interest:** The Office of Sustainability brown bag lunches: recognizing biodiversity in the work of this Office
- Survey for City Business Units. **ACTION:** Katie will forward to the committee for further development
- The Literacy and Conservation Subcommittees will begin to meet every other month, starting with the Literacy Subcommittee. **ACTION:** Meaghan will organize a date that works for members
- The next workshop date will take place after the November meeting. **ACTION:** Natasha to organize date that works for members

### ITEM 4: Public art / Riverbank stabilization project

- Chris presented the work and a current project by artist Peter von Tiesenhausen. Von Tiesenhausen is contributing to the Riverbank Stabilization Project along Riverdale Avenue: structural tests are underway.

### ITEM 5: Plans for next meetings

- The current meeting time continues to work for BAC members
- Call for presentation/speaker recommendations for the 2016/2017 year