

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Policy GOV-001-027 – Recognition of Public Service (Review)****Report Purpose**

To provide Council with recommended changes to Policy GOV-001-027 – Recognition of Public Service for consideration.

Recommendation:

THAT the revised Policy GOV-001-027 Recognition of Public Service, as set out in Enclosure 2, of the June 20, 2017 Governance Advisory Committee report, be approved.

Summary

The Governance Advisory Committee (GAC) is responsible for reviewing governance policies as per the policy review schedule. After reviewing the GOV-001-027 policy and looking at similar policies in other municipalities, the GAC recommends the following changes:

	Amendment	Rationale
1	Update policy template, policy statement, and purpose statement.	House-keeping changes.
2	Delete the text of guideline 1 and replace with: "Following the completion of the general term of office, any person who has completed service as an elected official is acknowledged with a framed print or other suitable gift of appreciation."	This amendment provides a consistent approach to acknowledging elected officials' service and allows for greater flexibility in terms of personalizing gifts of appreciation. This approach is also consistent with the practice in other Alberta municipalities.
3	Delete guideline 2.	This practice has not been followed and there appears to be a lack of interest in reviving such an event.
4	Delete guideline 3.	Guideline 1 addresses all elected officials who serve so guideline 3 is no longer required.

Enclosures

1. Policy GOV-001-027 – Recognition of Public Service **(Revised with highlights)**
2. Policy GOV-001-027 – Recognition of Public Service **(Revised copy)**
3. Current Policy GOV-001-027 – Recognition of Public Service **(Current copy)**