

**GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Recognition Protocol Policy (New)****Report Purpose**

To seek Council's approval on the proposed Recognition Protocol Policy.

**Recommendation**

THAT GOV-001-035, Recognition Protocol Policy, as set out in Enclosure 1, be approved.

**Council History**

February 7, 2017 – Council approved "THAT before the end of the third quarter of 2017, the Governance Advisory Committee prepare, for Council's consideration, a proposed policy on the protocol for recognition of persons, including current or former elected officials, that are in attendance at Council and Council Committee meetings, or other County events."

**Summary**

The Governance Advisory Committee worked with Administration to review municipal examples of recognition policies and to discuss appropriate policy parameters. While there were no specific municipal examples of "recognition policies," the Committee was able to look at several approaches to matters of protocol at the municipal level as well as at a School Board policy on recognizing officials.

The Committee wanted to ensure that there is some flexibility in the policy as well as some consistency and fairness in terms of who is recognized. The Committee was comfortable with following the provincial order of precedence whenever possible, but also noted a desire to recognize a number of officials who are not included in the order of precedence such as former Strathcona County Mayors and Councillors, current School Board Trustees, and former Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

**Communication Plan**

If approved by Council, the new policy will be added to the Municipal Policy Handbook and distributed to various administrative departments.

**Enclosure**

1 Recognition Protocol Policy – GOV-001-035