

The City Plan: Belong, Live, and Access through Living Active

[The City Plan](#) is built on the concept that work and life should all be within 15 minutes of travel time of one's home.

Based on engagement with Edmontonians and guided by the 5 Big City Moves found within *The City Plan*, the City of Edmonton has developed over [250 policy directions](#) that will guide the City's work and help to create a city Edmontonians feel at home in.

In addition to the policy directions which relate to the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System, approximately two dozen policy directions relate to Edmontonians living active within the groupings of:

- I Want to Belong and Contribute
- I Want to Live in a Place that Feels Like Home
- I Want Access Within my City

When reduced to a single word each, they become the essential words of **Belong, Live, and Access**.

I Want to Belong and Contribute:

1.1.1.2 Design new and retrofit existing open spaces to encompass wellness, celebration and ecology at the district level.

1.1.1.3 Collaborate with school boards to identify allocate and deliver municipal and school reserves that will allow for educational spaces and community facilities that provide learning, recreation and gathering opportunities.

1.1.1.4 Encourage healthy and active living by supporting community focused recreational, leisure, social and cultural programs.

1.1.1.5 Develop, enable and animate community hubs for intergenerational gatherings.

1.1.3.1 Create safe opportunities for women, girls and gender minorities to meet, connect, participate in and enjoy community and civic life.

1.3.1.4 Establish and invigorate districts where daily life, work, and play intersect (see map 2 – District Network).

1.3.1.2 Provide opportunities for people to easily connect to and experience open spaces and features within districts.

1.3.2.1 Celebrate our winter identity through the arts, recreation, events, storytelling and inspired design.

1.3.2.2 Increase opportunities for Edmontonians to be physically active throughout all seasons.

1.3.2.3 Encourage winter events, activities and festivals through community and business partnerships.

I Want to Live in a Place that Feels Like Home:

2.1.1.2 Design, build, maintain and operate public infrastructure to facilitate movement and universal accessibility in all seasons.

2.1.1.4 Facilitate access to City activities and programs for people of all ages and abilities.

2.1.2.1 incorporate health outcomes into strategy planning and design of the built environment.

2.1.2.2 Provide safe, comfortable and direct active transportation connections between neighbourhoods, community facilities and schools.

2.2.1.2 Improve local open spaces and public amenities to support density increases.

I Want Access Within my City:

4.1.3.1 Deliver welcoming public facilities and services that are friendly for all ages, abilities, as well as universally accessible.

4.1.3.2 Provide services and programs which reduce barriers for low income residents to community recreation facilities.

4.1.3.3 Improve efficiency and effectiveness of programs and services in collaboration with other orders of government, community organizations or citizen's groups.

4.1.3.5 Provide people with disabilities equitable opportunities to participate in the workforce, access services and amenities, and contribute to the development and implementation of policies, programs and infrastructure.

4.2.1.2 Plan and design of active transportation and transit networks in support of nodes and corridors.

4.2.2.3 Integrate transit facilities with active transportation networks and include support amenities.

4.2.3.1 Develop a coordinated network of pathways throughout the city that supports active transportation and recreation in connection with Edmonton's river valley, open spaces and regional connections.

4.2.3.2 Provide opportunities for universal accessibility within the active transportation network.

4.4.1.1 Encourage a shift to transit an active transportation options.

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