

### Strong Cities Network and City of Edmonton Alignment

SCN Governing Principle	City of Edmonton Alignment
Protection of human rights in efforts to address violent extremism in all of its forms and manifestations	The Resiliency Project is the City's main vehicle to address violent extremism in all of its forms and manifestations, and is committed to protecting human rights as part of this work.
Recognition that violent extremism and prevention efforts should not be associated with any particular religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group	The Resiliency Project's efforts are not associated with any particular religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group. A goal of the Resiliency Project is to educate communities and community leaders to highlight that radicalization/violent extremism affects every background and is not specific to one group.
Commitment to stand against any manifestation of religious-based or other related kinds of discrimination	The City of Edmonton is committed to addressing religious-based or other related forms of discrimination as part of City Policy C538 Diversity and Inclusion. The City of Edmonton's Multicultural Relations office also works to address this issue.
Commitment to policies and programs that address guilt-by-association, backlash, bigotry or hate crimes which may co-occur with incidents of violent extremism	The Resiliency Project will include training, education and partnerships within the community to increase education, knowledge and to increase prevention and awareness around guilt-by-association, backlash, bigotry or hate crimes which may co-occur with incidents of violent extremism.
Partnership with local communities, including youth, women and religious leaders, on an inclusive, collaborative, non-discriminatory and rights-respecting basis	As per City Policy C538 Diversity and Inclusion "All activities of the City of Edmonton and those of its Agencies, Boards and Commissions will be inclusive in nature. The City will incorporate deliberate and ongoing strategies of inclusion when developing, modifying or implementing policies, directives, processes, practices, programs and services." This applies to Resiliency project's work as well.

Monitoring and evaluation of activities and initiatives aimed at building social cohesion and resilience against violent extremism, and sharing non-sensitive information across the Strong Cities Network	<p>The Resiliency Project will be doing consistent evaluation of all activities, community engagements, projects and risks. The Project is working with a third party to scan and evaluate online activity and will use this information to plan effective strategies and initiatives for prevention, and to plan effective and meaningful evaluation of the work that is being done.</p> <p>The City does not currently share information with the Strong Cities Network. However, the City does share non-sensitive, FOIP compliant information with the Edmonton Police Service and the Organization for the Protection of Violence as part of the Resiliency Project partnership. This information could be shared, as appropriate, with the broader Strong Cities Network, allowing the City to meet this obligation with little additional staff resources.</p>
Commitment to complete transparency of funding sources for the Strong Cities Network operation and activities	This is not presently applicable to the City's programs, but if the City were to receive funding from the Strong Cities Network, then the City would need to disclose the source of this funding. This is consistent with present City practice.
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<p><b>Connect:</b></p> <p>Facilitate systematic sharing of knowledge, expertise and lessons learned on building social cohesion and community resilience to prevent violent extremism across cities on an international basis, through both regional workshops and international conferences</p>	The Resiliency Project, has and will continue to connect with partners across the globe for learnings, training and sharing information. The project team attended a Montreal Conference in March, will be hosting a conference in October and continues to connect with The Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers, Centre for Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence, different units in the Edmonton Police Service, Redirect through Calgary and City of Toronto. The project team also hopes to join other networks and conferences to continue to build relationships and learn from each other. The Strong Cities Network can help broaden this network further.

<p><b>Build:</b> Raise awareness of existing policy, programming, and practice through a dynamic and searchable 'Online Information Hub', providing an extensive library of existing local approaches and responses to prevent violent extremism</p>	<p>The Resiliency Project's first phase is focusing on scanning the online environment to fully understand the scope of the local issue to see what is currently available. Access to the Strong Cities Network will assist in this scan. The purpose of this scan is to enable the Resiliency Partnership to work towards, an online model for education, awareness and prevention in phase 2 and 3. The Resiliency Project will share learnings and experiences back with the Strong Cities Network</p>
<p><b>Inform:</b> Directly support cities to develop strategic frameworks and capabilities to build resilience that safeguard the rights of their local communities, including through capacity building seminars and interactive training modules on themes of mutual interest</p>	<p>The Resiliency Project will be hosting a conference in October, attending other conferences either by means of key note for presentations sharing findings and the framework the project uses.</p>
<p><b>Innovate:</b> Directly seed the development of new and innovative projects through 'Local Innovation Grants', providing support for cities on innovative project development and support for the transfer of promising projects that could be adapted across different locations.</p>	<p>The Resiliency Project is working to create new and innovative approaches to prevention surrounding violent extremism and radicalization in partnership with local organizations. Some of these projects may be eligible for funding from the Strong Cities Network. Any learnings, successes or failures could be shared with the Strong Cities Network.</p>
<p><b>Empower:</b> Directly support cities to develop strategic frameworks and capabilities to build resilience that safeguard the rights of their local communities, including through capacity building seminars and interactive training modules on themes of mutual interest.</p>	<p>The Resiliency Project is hosting a conference on countering violent extremism in October, which can leverage the resources and support of the Strong Cities Network.</p>
<p><b>Represent:</b> Provide a global platform to enable cities to jointly voice their needs and those of their communities, to inform national and international decision-making on preventing the spread/growth of violent extremism.</p>	<p>City Council would have to choose if they wish to advocate through this forum</p>

