

Edmonton Northern Partnership History

First contemplated nearly 10 years ago, the work underlying the Edmonton Northern Partnership has occurred through a variety of iterations and under a variety of names over the years. Below is a brief history of how the work has been organized at the City of Edmonton, highlighting some of the changes of direction that have occurred since 2014.

Year	Details
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Report (CR_1710) presented to Edmonton City Council outlining the City of Edmonton’s role in a Northern/Circumpolar Initiatives Secretariat
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Report (CR_2847) recommends that the Mayor sign this MOU to ensure the long-term stability of Edmonton’s Northern Circumpolar Secretariat.
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Northern/Circumpolar Initiatives Secretariat is reconfigured to be an initiative of City Council called Northern Relations. • Council Report (CR_5068) recommends the Council Initiatives for the 2017-2021 City Council term, for which terms of reference will be developed, and appoints the Council Sponsor(s) for each Council Initiative. • Northern Relations Council Sponsors for the 2017-2021 Council Term - Councillor J. Dziadyk and Councillor T. Caterina.
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Relations Mandate Statement: Building and strengthening committed relationships between Edmonton and northern communities in order to help foster shared economic, social, and cultural prosperity. The Edmonton Northern Partnership (ENP) is a partnership between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Economic Development Corporation, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, Edmonton International Airport and the University of Alberta. • Council report (CR_5704rev) 2017-2022 Council Initiatives Terms of Reference documents, including Northern Relations, approved.

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2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The COVID-19 pandemic results in reductions to normal council business (CR_8261) ● Four Strategic Recovery Initiatives based upon the ConnectEdmonton strategic goals are created (<i>Healthy City, Regional Prosperity, Climate and Energy</i> and <i>Urban Places</i>) ● There is a temporary realignment of the previous 24 Council Initiatives to the new Strategic Recovery Initiatives. ● Northern Relations is subordinate to <i>Regional Prosperity</i>, which focuses on economic impacts, challenges, strengths and key resiliencies in the Edmonton region, particularly for small businesses. ● New terms of reference developed for all four initiatives including Regional Prosperity ● Administrative Working Groups assigned the week of May 4, 2020 ● On October 19, 2020, CR_8267 recommends that all council initiatives be paused at this time; this includes the original 24 Initiatives which have been subordinated under the four new Council Initiatives
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● After consultation with the original 24 Council initiative sponsors, City Council determined that the work of the Northern relations council initiative had been shifted to regular Administration business in the Economic Investment Services Branch ● The Northern Relations Council Initiative, was sunset at the end of Council's term (September 2021) ● Wanting to ensure work was still ongoing in the space, on July 5, the following motion was passed: <i>That Administration review the current scope of Edmonton Northern Partnership in consultation with partners (Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, Edmonton International Airport, the University of Alberta and Edmonton Global), as well as options to revitalize work related to economic, social, and cultural connections with northern Canada, and report back to Committee. This should also include review of current and future potential alignment to the Edmonton Economic Action Plan, potential future resource requirements, as well as the context of COVID-19 recovery for the Edmonton region and northern communities.</i>