

## Policy Context

*The Way We Grow*, Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan:

- 7.1.1: Protect, preserve and enhance a system of conserved natural areas within a functioning and interconnected ecological network.

*The Way We Move*, Edmonton's Transportation Master Plan:

- 2.0: Transportation decisions reflect an integrated approach to environmental, financial and social impacts thereby creating sustainable, livable communities that minimize the need for new infrastructure and increase residents' quality of life.

*The Way We Green*, Edmonton's Environmental Strategic Plan:

- 3.3.16: Ensures biodiversity corridors are appropriate for all scales of development (neighbourhood to regional) and that infrastructure developments provide appropriate wildlife passage.

*North Saskatchewan River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan*, Bylaw 7188:

- 3.4.1: Direct River and Direct Ravine Crossings by Major Transportation Corridors: It is the policy of this Plan that new transportation corridors will not be approved except for direct River and direct Ravine crossings which are deemed essential and approved by City Council as in Policy 3.5.3.
- 3.4.2: Negative Impacts of Existing and Future Transportation Facilities: It is the policy of this Plan that existing and future transportation facilities will be reviewed with the objective to eliminate, minimize or mitigate the negative effects of the facilities through design and landscaping measures.
- 3.5.3: Site Location Study and Environmental Impact Screening Assessment: It is a policy of this Plan that all proposals for the development of a major facility that is publicly owned or is developed on public lands shall be subject to an environmental impact screening assessment as outlined in Schedule D, and a detailed site location study detailing costs, and social, environmental and institutional constraints which make a River Valley location essential must be prepared for Council approval. These studies shall be undertaken prior to Council committing funds for capital expenditure for the development of this proposal.