



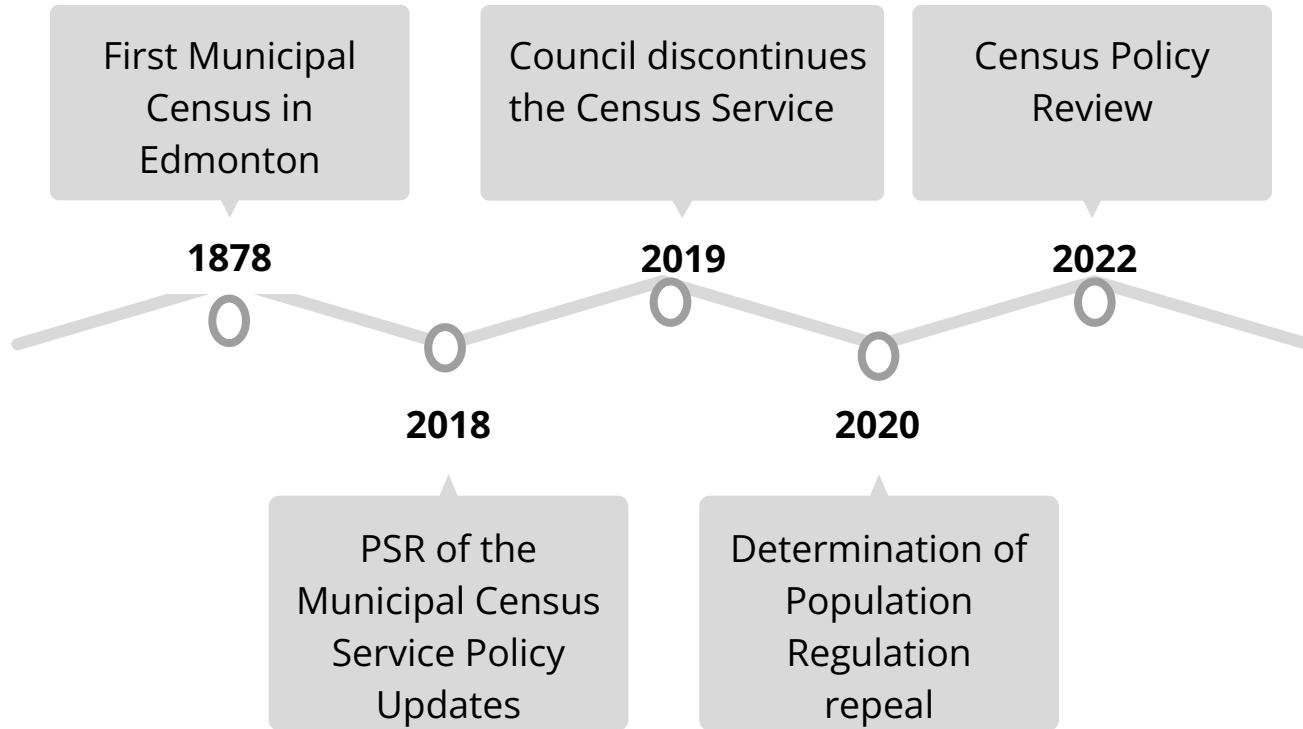
Edmonton

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# Census Policy Review

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# Background and Timeline



## Census Policy Review | Overview

- Review of census data used by service users:
  - Primary and Secondary service users in all departments;
  - Edmonton Public School Board, Edmonton Catholic School District, Edmonton Police Service, Edmonton Public Library, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
- Analysis of corporate process adaptations and emergent gaps following the discontinuation of the municipal census;
- Budget projections for project delivery scenarios

## Historical Uses, Value Add and Limitations

<b>Value Add</b>	Growth projections related to economic forecasting, housing demand, infrastructure and transportation needs
	Valuable secondary input layer between federal census cycles;
	Population count for provincial grant funding, if regulation reinstated
<b>Limitations</b>	Discrepancies in Population Counts can emerge
	Uncertainty regarding the Determination of Population regulation

## Census Policy Review | Decision Points

### Decision Point 1 | Update, Pause or Repeal the Policy

**Update** the Policy - *The Policy reinstates the census service*

or

**Pause** or **Repeal** the Policy - *No Municipal census project is planned*



If the Policy is updated, a project schedule should be established.



### Decision Point 2 | Determine the Census Service Frequency

Reinstate a continuing Municipal census service with a **biennial** frequency or a **four year frequency** between Federal census

## Recommendation

### Repeal Policy C520C - Census Policy

- Limitations of the census project
- The typical use of municipal data as a secondary input layer
- Prevalence of other data sources
- Associated delivery costs
- Uncertainty regarding the Government of Alberta's allocation of per capita grant finding

# Questions