

## COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT REPORTING

**Appointment:** REACH Edmonton Council for Safe Communities

**Classification:** External Agency - Advisor

**Councillor(s):** Councillor Erin Rutherford

**Reporting Period:** November 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023

### Background

REACH's Mission: *To inspire citizen engagement and coordinated agency action to strengthen and sustain community safety in Edmonton.*

REACH is Edmonton's Council for Safe Communities that acts as a backbone organization striving for collective impact. They support and bring together organizations, community groups and Edmontonians to co-develop solutions to make Edmonton a safer city for everyone.

REACH conducts its work through community involvement, stakeholder engagement, and inter-agency collaboration to:

- Heighten the efficiency of current social programs and funding streams to better integrate programs.
- Find and fill any service gaps in the current system.
- Engage citizens in developing solutions.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the governance of REACH Edmonton. As a member of the Board, a Director's role is to guide the strategic direction of the organization in making Edmonton safer for everyone.

REACH Edmonton is accountable to the City of Edmonton, funders and stakeholders. The Board of Directors provides oversight and is responsible for REACH Edmonton's performance in achieving its goals, and for effective financial management of the organization.

### Shared priorities and advocacy areas

Recent programs have been sustained or enhanced through funded service packages include the [24/7 Crisis Diversion](#) initiative and the [Neighbourhood Organizing Initiative](#) to support the City of Edmonton's Community Safety and Wellbeing Framework.

## **Report on activities, projects, and outcomes**

Other projects and initiatives of REACH include:

- [All-In For Youth](#)
- [Out of School Time Collaborative](#)
- [Bridging Together](#)
- [Joint Use Summer Access](#)
- [WrapED](#)
- [#YEGAmbassadors](#)
- [REACH Immigrant and Refugee Initiative](#)
- [Sexual Exploitation Working Group](#)

## **Upcoming events and milestones**

The Board AGM is happening in June, 2023. The Board will continue work around financial sustainability, EDI (Equity Diversity and Inclusion) and expanding and strengthening their role within the community safety ecosystem.

## **Evaluation**

It is recommended that the City of Edmonton continue to work with REACH to advance municipal priorities and areas of shared interest around community safety. While the Council appointee is a non-voting advisor, the connection with Council and the activities of REACH is valuable.