



COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT REPORTING

Appointment:	Energy Transition Climate Resilience Committee
Classification:	Advisory Committee
Councillor(s):	Councillor Ashley Salvador Councillor Michael Janz
Reporting Period:	November 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023

Mandate

The mandate of the Energy Transition Climate Resilience Committee (ETCRC) is to help implement Edmonton's Community Energy Transition Strategy and Climate Resilient Edmonton: Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan.

The Committee encourages and promotes the strategies, provides advice to Council regarding their implementation and assists Council in developing performance measures. The committee provides a wide and strategic perspective on issues relating to energy transition and climate resilience in Edmonton.

Background

ETCRC continues to provide Council with advice related to the implementation of the Energy Transition Strategy.

Shared priorities and advocacy areas

The work of ETCRC is aligned with the corporate goals outlined in ConnectEdmonton:

- Edmonton is a neighbourly city with community and personal wellness that embodies and promotes equity for all Edmontonians
- Edmonton neighbourhoods are more vibrant as density increases, where people and businesses thrive and where housing and mobility options are plentiful
- Edmonton grows prosperity for our Metro Region by driving innovation, competitiveness and relevance for our businesses at the local and global level
- Edmonton is a city transitioning to a low-carbon future, has clean air and water and is adapting to a changing climate

Report on activities, projects, and outcomes

Presentations to ETCRC

ETCRC has continued to meet with Administration to ensure attention is paid to climate action at all levels. The committee received presentations and provided feedback on a number of ongoing projects including District Planning, Zoning Bylaw Renewal, Emission Neutral Building Industry Advisory Group, Exhibition Lands, Environment Reviews of City Plans and Projects, and Budget 2023-2026.

Appointments

Four new committee members have been appointed for the term of May 1, 2023 - April 20, 2025. Appointees include Jeff Birchall, Marieke Dube, Alvin Law, and James Sandercock. New areas of expertise include alternative energy, utilities, municipal financing for climate action, public policy, climate adaptation and resilience, and urban planning.

Committee Priorities

ETCRC worked to identify the following priorities to help guide the work on the committee over the next year. Priorities include:

Culture Change

- We are facing one of the most concerning existential threats of our time - climate change. It is time to start acting like it is an emergency.

Land Use

- District Planning and Zoning Bylaw Renewal - Make sure district and zoning changes are transformative and align with the City's transition goals.

Transportation

- Start tackling one of our largest emissions sources, foundational to everything in the transition strategy.

Buildings

- Tackle the single largest emissions source that ties into transportation, land use and everything in between.

Energy Systems

- Change how we deliver energy around the city.

Equity

- Engage all citizens in broad action on climate change. If it's not equitable, it's not sustainable.

Health

- Address the health challenges climate change poses to the human population.

Refer to Attachment 1: Annual Report and Activities from the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Plan for a detailed description of goals and actions associated with each area of focus.

Budget 2023-2026

During the 2023-2026 Budget, ETCRC advocated for a fiscal budget that reflects our climate goals.

Evaluation

It is recommended that the City of Edmonton continue to work with ETCRC to advance municipal priorities and areas of shared interest surrounding the implementation of the City Plan and Energy Transition Strategy.