

2024 Status Updates for Connections & Exchanges

There are 55 Actions in the *Connections & Exchanges Plan*; one is complete, 29 are ongoing, 15 are in progress, three are not yet started and seven of the shared Actions are a mix of ongoing, in progress or not yet started.

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Ambition 1 - Alive with Arts and Heritage			
Aim 1 - Edmonton's neighbourhoods come alive with meaningful and relevant opportunities for participation and engagement.			
Organization	How we will do this - actions assigned to organization(s)		Current Status
Edmonton Arts Council	1.1	Conduct surveys to map local demographics, cultural events and participation to effectively deploy resources.	EAC Ongoing
	1.2	Digitally promote and amplify neighbourhood arts activities to connect and celebrate cultural diversity.	EAC Ongoing
	1.3	Work with City Administration, local networks and businesses to cultivate, and support community-based artistic activities.	EAC Ongoing
Lead: Arts Habitat Edmonton	1.4	Broker relationships with community-based entities to increase access to affordable space for arts and heritage programs, presentations and events.	AHE Ongoing EAC In Progress
Supporting: Edmonton Arts Council	1.5	Provide expert advice on shared space models to support the integration of arts activities in neighbourhood revitalization/regeneration initiatives.	AHE Ongoing EAC Not Yet Started
Edmonton Heritage Council	1.6	Nurture cultural curiosity through planned and spontaneous heritage encounters that are personal and experiential.	EHC Ongoing
	1.7	Inventory existing and develop new heritage interpretative experiences (digital and analog) to increase visibility, improve access and broaden engagement.	EHC Ongoing

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Aim 2 - Edmontonians feel a sense of belonging and connectedness to peoples, places and stories				
Organization	How we will do this - actions assigned to organization(s)			Current Status
Edmonton Arts Council	2.1	Engage with organizations that support community-based artistic programming and cultural expression and engage youth through local arts and learning activities.	EAC	Ongoing
	2.2	Enhance citizen engagement of the public art collection with artist led events and presentations.	EAC	Ongoing
Lead: Arts Habitat Edmonton	2.3	Contribute actively to placemaking that includes cultural landscape, natural history, built history, object, language, and story.	AHE EAC EHC	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Supporting: Edmonton Arts Council and Edmonton Heritage Council	2.4	Indigenous peoples are supported in revitalizing and participating in cultural traditions locally that reflect their connections to ancestors, the land and living traditions.	AHE EAC EHC	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Edmonton Heritage Council	2.5	Create and support opportunities for cultural connection and documentation that increases understanding between people, communities, and places.	EHC	Ongoing
	2.6	Jumpstart Edmonton City as a Museum initiative to establish its role as a program and a place of dialogue, exchange and collaborative city building through heritage.	EHC	Complete
	2.7	Work with organizations and individuals to adopt inclusive practices in museums, archives, and historical research and programming.	EHC	In Progress
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Aim 3 - Arts and heritage leaders are actively engaged in civic planning and implementation.

Organization	How we will do this - actions assigned to organization(s)		Current Status	
Edmonton Arts Council	3.1	Work with City Administration to explore the development of a “Cultural Placemaking” policy to support, anchor and celebrate artistic and heritage activity in the public realm.	EAC	In Progress
	3.2	Work with City Administration to incorporate arts into city strategies and planning, such as neighbourhood revitalization initiatives and special projects.	EAC	Ongoing
Lead: Arts Habitat Edmonton	3.3	Work with City Administration and cultural agencies to research, develop, build and seek approval from City Council for the City of Edmonton’s first Cultural Infrastructure Plan.	AHE	Ongoing
Supporting: Edmonton Arts Council	3.4	Provide tools, resources and advice to the cultural community in support of space audits, capital project management and asset management solutions	EAC	In Progress
			AHE	Ongoing
Lead: Edmonton Arts Council	3.5	Encourage active civic engagement and participation in cultural activities.	EAC	Ongoing
Supporting: Edmonton Heritage Council and Arts Habitat Edmonton			EHC	Ongoing
			AHE	Ongoing
	3.6	Adopt a holistic definition of civic vitality that includes culture (inclusive of heritage) as a valued component.	EAC	Not Yet Started
			EHC	Not Yet Started
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Lead: Edmonton Arts Council		EAC Not Yet Started
Supporting: Edmonton Heritage Council and Arts Habitat Edmonton	3.7 Apply a Fourth Pillar approach to City of Edmonton planning and policy development: social, environmental, economic and cultural.	EHC Not Yet Started
		AHE In Progress
Edmonton Heritage Council	3.8 Work with City Administration to develop a heritage policy that holistically guides the City's heritage activities, including interpretation, naming, commemoration, participation, built heritage, boards and committees, facilities and collections.	EHC Not Yet Started
	3.9 Work with City Administration to incorporate heritage into city strategies and planning, such as neighbourhood revitalization initiatives, percentage for heritage interpretation/conservation policy, and special projects.	EHC In Progress
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Aim 4 - Conditions are in place to remove barriers for all Edmontonians to participate in cultural experiences.

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		Work with public and private partners, arts organizations and festivals to improve access by:		
Edmonton Arts Council	4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - piloting ticketing and transportation programs to diversity audiences; - Expanding arts experiences for young people; - Supporting partnerships with culturally-specific media to engage newcomers; - Supporting partnerships with cultural associations and human and social services 	EAC	In Progress
Lead: Edmonton Arts Council	4.2	Stand alongside Indigenous leaders in cultural work, organizations and projects	EAC EHC	Ongoing Ongoing
Supporting: Edmonton Heritage Council and Arts Habitat Edmonton			AHE	Ongoing
	4.3	Resource Indigenous-led activities that support the reclamation of Indigeneity.	EAC EHC AHE	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Edmonton Heritage Council	4.4	Expand and target learning opportunities to build sector capacity and awareness in order to remove barriers	EHC	Ongoing
	4.5	Review Historian Laureate program and mandate for cultural inclusion.	EHC	In Progress

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Ambition 2 - A Hub for Extraordinary Creation and Reputation**Aim 5 - Dynamic exchanges of ideas and expertise occur between Edmonton's arts and heritage sector and the world.**

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Edmonton Arts Council	5.1 Work with City Administration to lead the development of arts networks with cities across the globe to foster artistic exchanges, collaborations and projects.	EAC In Progress
	5.2 Work with federal and provincial arts agencies to support Edmonton artists and arts organizations to develop new markets nationally and internationally.	EAC Ongoing
	5.3 Work with City Administration to foster the study and enjoyment of the public art collection through its conservation, documentation and connection to a diverse range of publics.	EAC Ongoing
	5.4 Partner with public agencies and private sector organizations to host conferences, symposia and industry events.	EAC Ongoing
Edmonton Heritage Council	5.5 Work with City Administration to champion heritage experiences in public spaces and to promote the City's leading practices.	EHC In Progress
	5.6 Create opportunities for heritage practitioners to explore ideas around emerging local and global practice.	EHC Ongoing
	5.7 Partner with public agencies, private citizens and private sector organizations to celebrate and raise the profile of Edmonton's historic urban landscapes and sites of conscience.	EHC In Progress

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Aim 6 - Diverse platforms for collaboration exist within Edmonton that allow artistic and heritage communities to connect, create and collaborate.

Organization	How we will do this - actions assigned to organization(s)	Current Status
Edmonton Arts Council	6.1 Work with City Administration, cultural agencies, post-secondary institutions and businesses to develop incubation hubs for interdisciplinary and cross-sector artistic creation, production and presentation.	EAC In Progress
	6.2 Work with arts venues to improve affordability for artists and organizations to support production and presentation.	EAC In Progress
	6.3 Convene the arts community to share expertise, promote collaboration and networking.	EAC Ongoing
	6.4 Build a digital framework to mobilize critical discourse and arts impact documentation, arts information and public awareness campaigns.	EAC Ongoing
Edmonton Heritage Council	6.5 Broaden the Edmonton City as a Museum Project (ECMP) initiative to include public art, neighbourhood and cultural heritage to create a significant platform for cultural discovery and building sources of knowledge.	EHC Ongoing
	6.6 Connect individuals, groups and organizations with the people, skills, networks, and resources they need to do high-quality, creative, and innovative heritage work.	EHC In Progress

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Ambition 3 - A Thriving and Well-Funded Arts and Heritage Ecosystem
Aim 7 - Arts and heritage practitioners and economically resilient.

Organization	How we will do this - actions assigned to organization(s)	Current Status
Edmonton Arts Council	7.1 Increase investment in artists working in a wide-range of art forms and practices to foster experimentation, creative collaborations with community and public presentations.	EAC Ongoing
	7.2 Increase investment in artists and arts professionals from equity-seeking groups.	EAC Ongoing
	7.3 Build funding mechanisms with an emphasis on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - multi-year projects - mentorships - residencies - professional development 	EAC Ongoing
Edmonton Heritage Council	7.4 Increase investment in Edmonton's heritage through the EHC's Community Investment Program (HCIP).	EHC Ongoing
	7.5 Research, develop and implement an equitable heritage practitioner pay scale (e.g., model on arts community CARFAC).	EHC In Progress
	7.6 Build funding mechanisms with an emphasis on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - multi-year projects - mentorships - residencies - professional development 	EHC In Progress

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Aim 8 - New and existing arts and heritage organizational capacity enables innovation and builds resilience in the sector.

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Edmonton Arts Council	Build funding mechanisms for arts and festival organizations with an emphasis on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - multi-year operating grants; - annual programming grants; - commissions, co-productions and co-presentations of work by artists, ad-hoc groups, collectives and ensembles - dissemination and artistic exchange of work through tours, exhibitions and digital technologies; - hosting artists and organizations from across Canada and the globe 	EAC Ongoing
	8.2 Develop and support a management services model with and for the arts community.	EAC In Progress
	8.3 Establish and nurture a partnership framework with arts funders to co-ordinate investments, shared measurement and promotion of the public value of the arts.	EAC Ongoing
	8.4 Invest in EAC operations to develop staff capabilities and technological infrastructure to manage investments, public art and conservation projects and customize digital platforms to measure and demonstrate the value and impact of the arts.	EAC Ongoing

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Supporting: Edmonton Heritage Council and Arts Habitat Edmonton	8.5	Provide change capital to cultural organizations to retool and reorganize to meet the needs of a rapidly changing city.	EHC Ongoing AHE In Progress
Edmonton Heritage Council	8.6	Increase heritage organization and practitioner capacity through training, mentorships.	EHC In Progress
	8.7	Multi-year funding opportunities for heritage organizations and heritage practitioners.	EHC Not Yet Started
	8.8	Research the prospect of programming grants for heritage organizations to enhance development, access and consistency of heritage programming.	EHC Not Yet Started

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