

CAPITAL CITY DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION LEVY PLAN

Edmonton

END DATE EXTENSION UPE03001

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Council Direction

At the March 19, 2025, Council continuation meeting, the following motions were passed:

- That Administration apply to the Province to extend the Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy by 10 years to 2044 to incorporate the projects listed in Attachment 3 of the March 5, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02445, with the addition of the Winspear Center Expansion project, and, if approved, prepare an amended Community Revitalization Levy Bylaw and return to a future City Council Public Hearing.
- 2. That Administration provide an independent (as determined by Administration) analysis of the existing OEG study for the Event Park and Site Servicing as part of the Public Hearing process and that the analysis include what current projects could be enhanced to provide the best overall revitalization of our downtown as well as the high-level modeling of the timing of the Community Revitalization Levy funding for the projects listed in Attachment 3 of the March 5, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02445.



Capital City Downtown CRL

| Rogers Place and Associated Infrastructure | Warehouse Park | Alex Decoteau Park |
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| Green and Walkable Downtown | Beaver Hills House Park + Michael Phair Park | Chinatown Gate |
| 103A Avenue Pedway | Stormwater Drainage Servicing | Jasper Avenue New Vision |
| 100 Street Pedestrian Bridge | complete and ongoing catalyst projects - existing | |





CRL Extension Benefits

- Estimated Education Tax Equivalent
 - \$127M \$178M (2035-44)
- New and improved public spaces
- More investment in downtown Edmonton:
 - Economic / Business Growth
 - Residential Growth
 - Vibrancy
- Demonstrates a long-term commitment to downtown

Next Steps

PROCESS FOR EXTENDING CRL PLANS



Capital City Downtown CRL

NEW CATALYST PROJECTS

Six new projects:

- Event Park
- Village at Ice District Site Servicing
- Brownfield Remediation
- Transit Infrastructure
- Francis Winspear Centre for Music Expansion
- Downtown Infrastructure Fund

One modified project:

• Attainable Housing Incentive Program New investment: **\$514 - \$624M** spent between 2026 - 2041

New Catalyst Projects

BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION

Addressing barriers to redevelopment

 Funds testing, remediation of soil contamination for redevelopment WINSPEAR EXPANSION

Expanding landmark performance venue

- Contribution toward completion of the Expansion project
- New 550 seat performance hall

TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE LRT ENTRANCES

Aesthetic, functional, safety improvements

- Creating well-designed and safe transit station and LRT entrances
- Prioritizes Downtown as a focal point for transit
- Spur transitoriented development

New/Modified Catalyst Projects

DOWNTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Infrastructure upgrades for redevelopment

- Address barriers to development
- Could include District Energy
- Similar to *Infill Infrastructure Fund*

ATTAINABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

Modified from Downtown Incentive Program

- Enabled by changes to CRL regulations
- Program design to be developed

GREEN AND WALKABLE
- PUBLIC OPEN SPACE
AND AMENITIES
Enables small scale public
realm improvements

- Small-scale, 'tactical' improvements to public open-space
- Enhances existing spaces
- Supports residential growth

Event Park

- Generate significant positive publicity for Edmonton and downtown as a destination
- Increase downtown visitation and vibrancy
- One-third of available booking time / space will be accessible to community
- Economic impact



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 2,500 seat venue
- Estimated economic impact of construction is
 - \$270.9 million
 - 430 jobs
- OEG estimated ongoing economic impact
 - \$37.1 million
 - 220 jobs

Independent Analysis - Event Park



Village at Ice District

CRL Funds support

- Water
- Stormwater
- Sanitary
- Streetscapes (Green and Walkable)
- Public Park

Improvements extend beyond the Village to surrounding properties



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 2,500 units
- Up to 260,000 sqft commercial space
- 14 buildings (mid and high-rise)
- \$1.1 billion assessment growth

Independent Analysis - Village



Project Funding Process

CRL projects require the same budget approvals as any other project (once CRL Plan is fully approved)

| Publicly-Owned Capital Project | Not Publicly Owned |
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| Most projects - Green and Walkable Jasper Avenue New Vision, Event Park, Transit Infrastructure, etc. | Attainable Housing Program, Brownfield Remediation, Winspear Expansion |
| Eligible for Borrowing | NOT Eligible for Borrowing |
| Costs spread over many years | Immediate draw on reserve |

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Cumulative Impact

The downtown catalyst projects, through their combined effect, have improved the city's core as a more vibrant, desirable, and functional place.



Capital City Downtown CRL - Extension, Grants and Private Funding



Capital City Downtown CRL - Extension

| Event Park | Village at Ice District Infrastructure | Brownfield Remediation |
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| Transit Infrastructure | Downtown Infrastructure Fund | Attainable Housing Program |
| Jasper Avenue New Vision | Green and Walkable Downtown | Winspear Expansion |

new and amended catalyst projects - **extension**



4,000 - 6,000 new residential units



\$2.9 - \$5.4 billionin new developmentand increasedassessment

Summary

- Downtown that is Vibrant, Accessible, Sustainable and Well-Designed
- For downtown, and the economic prosperity of the whole City
- Signals long-term commitment to investors
- Necessary to unlock major provincial investment in downtown



Questions and Thank You

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