
REFERENCE:

**The Way Ahead
The Way We Grow
The Way We Move
The Way We Green
The Way We Live
The Way We Prosper**

ADOPTED BY:

City Council

SUPERSEDES:

New

PREPARED BY: Sustainable Development

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TITLE: Designing New Neighbourhoods

Policy Statement:

Building unique and vibrant new neighbourhoods is important to the quality of life, competitiveness, identity and growth of our city. The City of Edmonton supports the development of innovative, adaptable and sustainable communities. One of the ways it does this is through the implementation of *Guidelines for Edmonton's Future Residential Communities*. These Guidelines provide a vision for new residential neighbourhoods and inform the preparation of Neighbourhood Structure Plans in the City's Urban Growth Areas.

The following outcomes will guide new neighbourhood design and will be achieved in new neighbourhoods to benefit the City, residents, private and public sector city-builders and partners, and ultimately all Edmontonians:

1. Neighbourhoods are connected.
2. Neighbourhoods are unique and inviting.
3. Neighbourhoods are inclusive.
4. Neighbourhoods provide residents with convenient access to a full range of transportation options.
5. Neighbourhoods support viable uses, services, and facilities.
6. Neighbourhoods are cost effective.
7. Neighbourhoods conserve and enhance ecosystems and biodiversity.
8. Neighbourhood amenities and facilities support the social and recreational needs of residents.
9. Neighbourhoods embrace all seasons.
10. Neighbourhoods are safe and secure.
11. Neighbourhoods are flexible and adaptable.
12. Resources are used efficiently and responsibly in neighbourhoods.

To realize the vision for new neighbourhoods, the City of Edmonton will:

1. Update and enact bylaws, procedures, policies, directives, processes, programs and standards.
2. Promote, collaborate, cooperate and partner with city-builders in both the public and private sectors.

The purpose of this policy is to:

Inform the planning and design of new residential neighbourhoods to achieve the outcomes and realize the vision for new neighbourhoods in the City's Urban Growth Areas.