

Charter Bylaw 20000

To adopt The City Plan (Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan)

Purpose

To adopt The City Plan (Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan) and repeal Bylaw 15100 the Municipal Development Plan: The Way We Grow.

Readings

Charter Bylaw 20000 is ready for first and second readings after the public hearing has been held. Administration is required to refer this application to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board prior to returning to City Council for third and final reading (see attached Council report for more information).

Advertising and Signing

This Charter Bylaw was advertised in the Edmonton Journal on August 29, 2020 and September 5, 2020. The Charter Bylaw can be passed following third reading.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this proposed Charter Bylaw.

Report

Edmonton continues to relaunch and reimagine our future. The City Plan (Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan) provides strategic direction for a path forward and is essential to reimagining our city (Attachment 1). The City Plan is a plan for people. It is built upon the aspirations and ideas of Edmontonians through extensive public engagement, technical studies, modelling data and professional review. It frames the choices we need to make to achieve a healthier, more urban and climate resilient city that supports a prosperous region.

The City Plan combines the statutory requirements for a Municipal Development Plan and a Transportation Master Plan and encompasses approximately 78,250 hectares generally bound by 259 Avenue to the north, Range Road 232 to the east, Highway 19 to the south, and Range Road 261 to the west. It also includes strategic direction for environmental planning, and social and economic development. It provides a clear, integrated policy framework in support of increased connection and wellness, equity and inclusiveness, sustainable community development and ongoing growth. It guides the planning and integration of Edmonton's physical systems and networks around nodes and corridors within districts to create a more compact, efficient urban form.

Future growth will be guided by a growth management framework and occur within both residential and non-residential development areas. The City Plan was designed to be agile and adaptive in response to community change and disruption, and progress will be measured on an ongoing basis as the needs of Edmontonians change over time. This approach is anchored in the new realities we face as a community and a renewed commitment to making transformational change.

Components of The City Plan

The City Plan contains a number of components that will guide Edmonton's future growth and change. These include:

- *Big City Moves: future city* - These are bold, transformative priorities that will create a different set of opportunities for Edmonton supported by high-level targets. Five Big City Moves describe Edmonton's strategic areas of focus in response to key trends and community aspirations. They also provide a pathway to enable recovery and transformation into a community of two million people.
- *Shaping the city: spatial plan* - Planning and Design, Mobility and Managing Growth are the three main concepts that will influence Edmonton's shape and form as the city develops and redevelops over time.
- *Planning for people: policy structure* - The City Plan establishes policy to guide future city growth and support community change. This includes city building outcomes that are articulated through intentions and directions that support Edmonton's strategic goals.
- *Systems and networks: land use concept* - The City Plan land use concept was informed by a wide range of technical studies, data modelling and research. To bring the people-centered policy to life, the Plan's land use concept supports growth to 2 million people and 1.1 million jobs.
- *Measurement: plan performance* - Progress of The City Plan will be reviewed on an ongoing basis to assess its impact using a wide spectrum of monitoring and reporting tools.

The City Plan advances Edmonton's Strategic Plan, ConnectEdmonton. Once approved, The City Plan will comprehensively replace The Ways Plans, including: *The Way We Grow, The Way We Move, The Way We Live, The Way We Green, and The Way We Prosper.*

Implementing The City Plan

Moving forward with focus and prioritizing work in a thoughtful considered manner will be critical to directly implementing The City Plan and achieving Edmonton's strategic vision and goals. Administration will support The City Plan's roll-out and delivery over time in the following ways:

- *New Corporate Implementation Approach* - Corporate work plans and the identification of future actions and investments will be integrated and aligned through the annual corporate business plan and budgeting process in the context of ConnectEdmonton and the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.
- *Updated City Planning Framework* - Existing plans, policies and guidelines will be evaluated for their current relevance to the achievement of The City Plan and there will be new processes for how planning tools are created, replaced, monitored and adjusted over time and retired or rescinded altogether.
- *Ongoing City Plan Activation* - Administration will make clear connections between policy development, implementation activities and people's everyday lived experience. Storytelling will provide a cohesive, engaging and clear picture of Edmonton over the long term.

Legal Requirements

Section 632 of the *Municipal Government Act* requires each municipality to adopt a Municipal Development Plan. The City Plan replaces *The Way We Grow* which was approved by City Council in May 2010.

The City Plan meets the Municipal Government Act requirements for Municipal Development Plans that are outlined in Section 632 of Act. This includes consistency with the Alberta Land Use Policies.

The City Plan is also intended to fulfill the transportation study requirements under the *Highways Development and Protection Act*. By doing so, it also replaces the current Transportation Master Plan, *The Way We Move*. Adoption of City Plan will direct Administration to bring forward amendment to the Transportation Systems Bylaw.

The City Plan must be submitted to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board prior to third reading for approval.

Public Engagement

Edmontonians have been engaged throughout the preparation of The City Plan helping to shape the plan's structure, concept, policy, and approach. This included a diversity of groups, stakeholders and interests representing citizens, civil society, public institutions, regional municipalities, business and Indigenous communities. Activities were held across the city and included 42 community and stakeholder meetings, 24 pop-up public engagement sessions, nine public workshops, two online circulations and two surveys, and engagement of students from 43 schools. Four "what we're hearing reports," an Indigenous engagement report and a summary of feedback from children were prepared over the course of The City Plan process. An Executive Summary "What We heard" report is included for reference in Attachment 2. Administration provided information updates to Council's Urban Planning Committee on the preparation of the Plan at key milestones between 2018 and 2020.

Attachments

1. Charter Bylaw 20000
2. [Administration Report](#)