

ELECTIVE COURSES

Transportation (6 hours - \$35)



The Transportation Elective provides a broad look at transportation planning in Edmonton. Learn the basics of a transportation network, the City's structure to plan this network, and how Edmonton integrates transportation into the rest of its planning processes. Participants will identify opportunities to participate in planning Edmonton's transportation network.

Urban Design (6 hours - \$35)

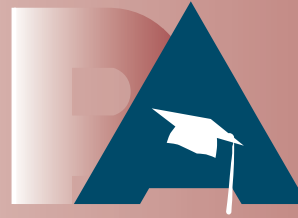
Why urban design is important? What role does urban design play in your life?



If you would like to know the answers to these questions, this course is for you.

You will go on a walking tour to identify elements of urban design and implications to our city.

You will see examples of how Edmonton and other cities incorporate these elements into planning and development. Learn how to influence change towards better urban design.



Planning

Building and Living in Edmonton



To find out more about any of the courses or schedules, or to suggest a course topic, contact the **Planning and Development Department** or visit our web site. Space is limited in the courses, be sure to register early.

FOR COURSE INFORMATION:

Phone: (780) 496-6242

Web: www.edmonton.ca/planningacademy

Email: planning.academy@edmonton.ca

TO REGISTER:

Phone: (780) 496-7946

In Person: Any City of Edmonton Leisure Centre
TIX on the Square (9930 102 Avenue)

*Learn to play your part
in planning Edmonton's
growth and change...
Join the Planning
Academy!*

Learn to play your part in planning
Edmonton's growth and change...
Join the Planning Academy!



September 2007

PLANNING ACADEMY

What is the Planning Academy?

The City of Edmonton's **Planning Academy** offers a series of courses designed to provide a better understanding of the planning and development process in Edmonton.

The Program consists of core and elective courses. Participants can earn a Certificate of Participation by completing the three core courses and one elective course. Participants are welcome to take any course, in any order, whether or not it will lead to a certificate.

The City developed Planning Academy to help Edmontonians:

- better understand and participate in the planning process
- better understand the roles, rights, and interests of all parties involved in the planning and development process.

The Planning Department offers each course at least once a year. City staff facilitate the courses. Courses vary in length from three to six hours and participants receive a manual, instruction, and light refreshments. Sessions consist of discussions and "real life" activities to increase participants' understanding.



What courses can I take?

There are **three core courses**:

1. **Land Use Planning: The Big Picture**
2. **Getting a Grip on Land Use Planning**
3. **Come Plan with Us: Using your Voice**

Land Use Planning: The Big Picture ***(3 hours - \$25)***



Ever wonder what urban planning is? Do you want to know why communities need to plan how they are going to develop? Are you interested in how past planning influences Edmonton's future?

You'll learn the answers to these questions and more. Learn about the various interests and values of urban planning, how planners accommodate them in practice, and how planners weigh a wide variety of interests in the planning process.

Getting a Grip on Land Use Planning ***(6 hours - \$35)***



Confused about the planning process? Do you wonder how land in the city gets developed? Are you curious about how land in your neighbourhood gets rezoned?

There are laws that govern land use planning. Where do these laws come from, what do they do and how are they related to each other?

There are **two elective courses**:

1. **Transportation Planning and**
2. **Urban Design**

Learning about the rules and regulations governing planning will help you understand planning decisions that affect you. See how planners implement these regulations to manage development in Edmonton.

The main tool planners use in their work is zoning. You'll learn what different zones are and their allowable land uses. You can use this information to determine what someone may develop on any given property. Learn about the roles, rights, and interests of the various stakeholders in rezoning land and in other community planning processes.

Come Plan with Us: Using your Voice ***(6 hours - \$35)***



Now that you've learned about the planning process in Edmonton, it's time to explore when and how you can get involved to demonstrate your support or opposition for development projects. Learn to identify the notices the City provides and how to interpret them.

Practice making a presentation to City Council using tips provided by the City Clerk's Office. The City wants you to participate in the planning process, and this course allows you to identify ways to maximize your potential impact.