

EDMONTON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COALITION (ECSC) FRAMEWORK

PREAMBLE

The Community Sustainability Task Force, a collaborative entity comprised of the Province of Alberta, Edmonton School Boards, business leaders, parents, individuals and community groups, set out to chart a new course for community sustainability in Edmonton. In its final report entitled “ELEVATE” the Task Force recommends courses of action for supporting and enhancing the viability of neighbourhoods that are community based, break down boundaries, share resources and build effective community partnerships.

The purpose of establishing the Edmonton Community Sustainability Coalition (ECSC) is to steward the implementation of ELEVATE by providing leadership and direction to collaborative jurisdictional activities that will accomplish long-term socially, environmentally, and economically feasible neighbourhoods by:

- Identifying joint priorities
- Prioritizing potential joint projects
- Focusing on shared outcomes

ELEVATE VISION – A Vision of Community Sustainability

Edmonton is a city in which engaged and informed citizens’ work together to create strong and sustainable neighbourhoods and communities. Our community will embrace diversity, will provide a physical and social environment where we can live, learn, work and play, and will meet the needs of current and future Edmontonians through their entire lifetime.

Identified areas of focus within which the ELEVATE vision is realized are:

Focus A – Demonstrate Leadership and Build Partnerships

Focus B – Employ Community Driven Approaches to Strengthen Neighbourhoods

Focus C – Promote Life-Long Learning

MISSION

The Edmonton Community Sustainability Coalition (ECSC) is comprised of four jurisdictions (Federal, Provincial, Municipal, and School Boards) who commit to working together in a new and modern relationship to create solutions for Edmonton’s neighbourhoods, encourage collaboration among all levels of government, create efficiencies, and build community.

PRINCIPLES

1. The work undertaken by ECSC will be guided by communication, collaboration, coordination, efficiency, and mutual respect.
2. The relationship recognizes that each jurisdiction has legislated mandates and responsibilities.
3. The relationship recognizes that decisions made by individual jurisdictions may impact others, and that collaborative discussions will create informed decisions and mitigate impacts should they arise.
4. The relationship is based on ongoing consultation and cooperation to seek solutions to broad-based issues, joint planning, and the coordination of programs and services across jurisdictional boundaries.
5. ECSC will leverage the collaborative working relationship of the City of Edmonton and Edmonton School Boards established within the Joint Use Agreement.

PROCESS

The ECSC will:

- Create a working environment that will enable and build on mutual strengths of each jurisdiction.
- Establish key goals and joint priorities for jurisdictional approval.
- Ensure that collaborative undertakings align with individual challenges, needs, and Coalition visions.
- Identify how current and future policies and programs can advance the collective objectives of achieving sustainable, vibrant neighbourhoods.
- Identify structural (social and physical) improvements for mature neighbourhoods.
- Generate, share, and mobilize new knowledge about sustainable neighbourhoods.
- Share annual work plans and coordinate initiatives where possible.
- Establish related working groups and subcommittees to achieve community sustainability goals and objectives as required.
- Make recommendations focused on ensuring livability and enhanced learning opportunities for children and their families.
- Develop effective, integrated approaches and mechanisms for engaging individuals, businesses, community organizations and stakeholders.

COMMUNICATING AND REPORTING

- City of Edmonton will lead the activities and initiatives of the ECSC.
- ECSC will create and maintain a joint communications and public engagement strategy.
- ECSC will keep Edmontonians and jurisdictions informed about ECSC priorities and ELEVATE progress by way of an annual report, including successes, challenges, learnings and recommendations.

MEMBERSHIP

ECSC will be comprised of the following appointed representatives:

- 1 Federal Government representative
- 2 Provincial Government representatives
 - *Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Policy, Executive Council*
 - *Assistant Deputy Minister, Creative and Community Development Division, Culture*
- 2 City of Edmonton representatives
 - *General Manager, Community Services*
 - *Branch Manager, Neighbourhoods, Parks and Community Recreation*
- 2 Edmonton Public School representatives
 - *Superintendent of Schools*
 - *Managing Director, Planning and Student Transportation*
- 2 Edmonton Catholic School representatives
 - *Superintendent of Schools*
 - *Assistant Superintendent, Educational Planning*
- 1 Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord representative
 - *Superintendent of Schools*
- 2 Appointed Community Members
 ** (For review and consideration of appointment after one year of ECSC operation)