

Downtown Public Places Plan

BACKGROUND

Downtown Edmonton is changing. Projects, including the refurbished Legislature Grounds, Ice District and LRT Valley Line, are attracting more development, businesses, and people. As Downtown grows, the size, quality, location, and connectivity of public places becomes more important.

Having exceptional public places in the Downtown will help Edmonton:

- + attract families and talent
- + grow civic pride and identity
- + improve public health, safety and vibrancy
- + create opportunities for chance encounters and memorable experiences

Downtown public places provide space for Edmontonians to socialize, celebrate, recharge and live life. Downtown public places — our open spaces, parks, and plazas — need to act as the playgrounds, resting spots and social spaces for residents, workers and visitors, while also providing premiere locations to host international and local festivals, events, commerce, arts, and culture.

How can we create great Downtown public places?

OBJECTIVES

The Downtown Public Places Plan will meet community needs and help provide guidance for an increasingly **vibrant, well-designed, accessible and sustainable Downtown.**

The objectives of this Plan are to:

- + Turn Downtown public places into comfortable, memorable, attractive destinations and spaces
- + Improve and leverage existing and new connections between the Downtown and the River Valley
- + Provide strategic direction for open space development, design and programming in Downtown
- + Focus on the quality, functionality, connectivity and supply of open spaces
- + Provide design recommendations for developments impacting open spaces
- + Inform and align current and future Downtown projects

Our open spaces, parks, and plazas.

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