

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC PLACES

THE DRAFT PLAN

The purpose of the Downtown Public Places Plan is to guide the development of a cohesive network of downtown public places that meets community needs and contributes to an increasingly vibrant, well-designed, accessible, and sustainable Downtown. The Plan is organized into:

- 1. Strategic Directions:** These statements provide overall guidance and direction for the future of public places downtown.
- 2. Open Space Measures:** These provide measurable goals for the City to work towards when it is developing and improving downtown public places.
- 3. Concept:** The overall concept provides a visual representation of the future of the public places network downtown, including major connections, proposed new open space, and priority projects.
- 4. Site Specific Recommendations:** These recommendations provide more detail on the vision and priorities for each of the five focus areas of the Plan.
- 5. Strategies and Actions:** These provide plan-wide tools for achieving each of the Strategic Directions.

OPEN SPACE MEASURES

Provision Level

- + Acquire approximately 2 ha of additional open space to the study area to provide for the needs of a high-density population in the future.

Connectivity

- + Fill existing gaps in the public places network to ensure that there is at least one public place accessible within 200 m of any point in the Downtown.
- + Ensure all public places are within 200 m of a transit stop.

Multifunctionality

- + Ensure each public place has high functionality for one of the three Breathe* themes and moderate functionality for a second Breathe theme.
- + Increase the Downtown-wide Wellness functionality of the public places network to at least 20%.

*For more information about Breathe, please visit edmonton.ca/breathe

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STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1. Safe + Inclusive

Ensure Downtown public places serve as safe and inclusive places for all Edmontonians.

2. Accessible + Connected

Ensure that the Downtown public places network is accessible, pedestrian-oriented, and well connected by high quality active transportation corridors and streets.

3. Linked to the River

Ensure Downtown is physically and visually linked to the top of bank and riverfront of the North Saskatchewan River Valley.

4. Vibrant + Livable

Make Downtown a vibrant, healthy, and animated place to live, work, learn, visit, and grow up in.

5. Sense of Community

Ensure that Downtown public places reflect Downtown's distinct neighbourhoods and the strong sense of community, diversity, social interaction, and engagement that they offer.

6. Green + Sustainable

Enhance the environmental sustainability of the Downtown public places network.

7. Celebration

Celebrate Downtown as a regional and national centre for entertainment, sport, creative arts, entertainment, festivals, and culture.

8. Cohesive Public Realm

Ensure that Downtown has a high quality public realm that is well-designed, year-round, cohesive, and well-maintained.



MAJOR CONCEPTS

PROGRAMMING + IMPROVEMENTS

The Draft Downtown Public Places Plan defines each public place and its role in the wider network. The Plan also provides direction on improvements and programming, as well as direction on how each public place will contribute to the functionality themes from Breathe: Ecology, Celebration, and Wellness.

ENHANCED CONNECTIONS

Through analysis and engagement, we identified several connectivity and accessibility gaps in the Downtown public places network. The Plan proposes to address them by creating new or enhanced connections in the network.



BIG MOVES

1. McKay Avenue Central Gathering Space
2. 104 Street Staircase
3. Quarter's Connection to Louise McKinney
4. 109 Street Connection
5. Central Core Connections
6. 97 Street Bridge
7. Railtown Park Crossing + Expansion
8. MacDonald Promenade
9. Warehouse Campus Park + Beaver Hills House Park

Send us your thoughts on the Draft Downtown Public Places Plan!

Provide your thoughts on the proposed public place improvements and help prioritize them by completing our online survey. The results of this engagement will help with the final plan development and creation of the implementation plan.

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