



# Relationship-Building City Coalition Posting

Are you interested in how citizens shape decision making in municipal government? Looking for a meaningful way to contribute to your community? Do you have a keen interest in building community capacity? The Relationship-Building City Coalition might be just the opportunity you are looking for.

## What is the Relationship-Building City Coalition?

The Council Initiative on Public Engagement laid the groundwork for the approval of the City of Edmonton's Public Engagement Policy in 2016. Since then, there have been many structural and process changes internally in the City of Edmonton over the last few years related to Public Engagement as the City focussed on enhancing citizen engagement in decision-making.

Public engagement results in better decisions and more effective implementation: people support and champion the change they help to create. The democratic foundation of public engagement depends on community as partners effectively bringing the strength of the community towards shared goals in inclusive environments where people of all backgrounds, experiences, and demographics feel welcome, safe, effective, and valued for their participation. The foundational elements for effective public engagement—communication, project management, decisions, relationships, capacity and leadership—require the contributions of community leaders as partners at the local level of engagement.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the City profoundly, changing the landscape of public engagement and presenting significant economic and organizational challenges to the City as a whole. Administration is reimagining a new way forward, with one focus being one of a Relationship-Based City.

The Relationship-Building City Coalition (RBCC) is a City of Edmonton advisory body with the goal of supporting, enhancing and advancing the City's public engagement strategic goals and efforts. The RBCC provides advice and expertise to help the City and Council build community capacity and support the City's efforts to build a strong organizational culture for meaningful and effective public engagement as developed by the Council Initiative on Public Engagement and established in the City of Edmonton's Public Engagement Policy.

The objectives of the RBCC are to:

- Increase understanding of the importance and impact of public engagement on decisions and good citizenship
- Promote best practice and support the enhancement of the City's strategic efforts to build a culture for public engagement
- Enhance community capacity for public engagement
- Champion and support the City of Edmonton's public engagement goals and performance

## Who are we looking for?

We are looking for a group of diverse people with a keen interest in the relationship between governance and public engagement, with a focus on building community capacity, who are willing to help make Edmonton a city that is shaped by its citizens.

In addition to interest in or experience with public engagement, interest or experience in the following would be considered an asset:

- Working with community or civic organizations

- Providing advice and recommendations to a public organization
- Considering diverse perspectives
- Implementing new policies in a large organization
- Developing and implementing work plans
- Consensus based decision making
- Monitoring, reporting and evaluating outcomes

#### **Time commitment:**

- A two (2) year term that begins in January 2021
- A minimum of 2 volunteer hours a month
- Attend 9 regularly scheduled meetings of the Relationship-Building City Coalition during the year
- Additional meetings may be held as required

#### **Application Process:**

Interested applicants should submit their application, resume and two references through the following [Application Form](#) no later than **December 9, 2020**. Please upload your resume and 2 references as one document.

In order to submit your application you will need a Google Account. You can email [guidingcoalition@edmonton.ca](mailto:guidingcoalition@edmonton.ca) for support or questions.

Please contact [guidingcoalition@edmonton.ca](mailto:guidingcoalition@edmonton.ca) at least **one week prior** to the application deadline if you would like to speak to a current Relationship-Building City Coalition member about our work, or the application process.

Interviews will take place during December. Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.

#### **For additional information visit:**

[https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/public-engagement.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/public-engagement.aspx)