

ASK ABOUT EDMONTON

Edmonton is our home.

No matter who forms the next provincial government, **Edmonton is essential to Alberta's future**. We need to work together with the Government of Alberta to build a thriving, safe, sustainable and welcoming city for every Edmontonian.

That's why, this provincial election, we need to **Ask About Edmonton**.

Asking about Edmonton is a great way to start a positive conversation about the kind of city **we want to live in**, and for your voice to be heard in the 2023 Alberta General Election.



Inclusion

A diverse and inclusive city is a safe city. We all benefit when more people feel safe and included.

Make Truth and Reconciliation and action on anti-racism part of the conversation in the provincial election.

Did you know?

- According to the 2021 census, 26% of Edmonton's population was born outside of Canada.
- In 2021, 40.3% of the general population of Edmonton identified as a visible minority, the 4th highest in Alberta, up by 10.8% in the previous five years.
- Nearly 90,000 Indigenous people live in Edmonton, about 6% of the population, but approximately 57% of unhoused people in Edmonton identify as Indigenous.

Conversation starters:

- What will your party do to ensure people from all backgrounds feel safe and at home in Edmonton?
- The proportion of Indigenous people experiencing homelessness in Edmonton is incredibly high. What will your party do to address this?
- An inclusive city is a safe city. What plans do you have to take action on anti-racism?



Housing

Homelessness affects us all, and we need action. We all benefit when more people have a safe place to call home.

Make Edmonton's affordable housing part of the conversation in the provincial election.

Did you know?

- As of a March 2023 survey, there are approximately 2,865 unhoused people in Edmonton, and only 627 permanent shelter beds.
- Of Edmonton's unhoused population, 57% identify as Indigenous.
- Of all provinces in Canada, Alberta is second to last in the number of affordable housing units per 1,000 residents.
- In Edmonton, 1 in 7 people pay more than they can afford on housing.
- Edmonton renters are four times more likely than homeowners to pay more than they can afford on housing, or live in crowded or unsafe conditions.

Conversation starters:

- Alberta has the second lowest number of affordable housing units per 1,000 residents in all of Canada. Does your party have a strategy to ensure every Edmontonian can afford safe housing?
- Edmonton has 2,865 unhoused people and only 627 permanent shelter beds as of March 2023. Do you and your party have a plan to provide shelter and safe housing for Edmontonians?
- One in seven Edmonton residents pays more than they can afford on housing. What will your party do to make sure every Edmontonian can afford a place to live?



Transportation

We all benefit when our roads, buses and LRT networks get Edmontonians where they need to go.

This provincial election, ask about transportation.

Did you know?

- As of January 2023, Edmonton bus ridership reached 100% of pre-pandemic levels and LRT ridership reached between 60 and 70% of pre-pandemic levels.
- In January 2023, Edmonton buses averaged 1.2 million rides per week.

- In 2022, Edmonton's LRT drove 2.2 million kilometres and busses drove 44.7 million. That means, combined, ETS LRT and buses completed the equivalent of 1,711 trips around the world in 2022.
- The City estimates one hydrogen bus can reduce emissions by over 3,600 tonnes of carbon dioxide, which is an 80 to 85% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions over a period of 15 years compared to a diesel bus.

Conversation starters:

- What will your party do to increase access to safe and affordable transportation in Edmonton?
- Edmonton is investing in hydrogen buses to dramatically reduce emissions. How will your party support greener transit options?
- To combat climate change, Edmonton needs to be greener as we grow. Do you and your party support the expansion of public transportation options?



Climate Resilience

Our city is getting bigger and we have to be greener as we grow. Taking action on climate change will protect our health, environment, economy and quality of life.

This election, ask your provincial candidates about climate resilience.

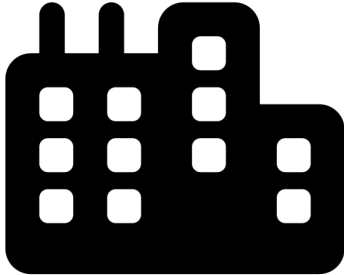
Did you know?

- The four main sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Edmonton are:
 - Transportation
 - Manufacturing, industry and construction
 - Commercial and institutional buildings
 - Residential buildings
- Edmonton's vision of reaching carbon neutrality is achievable, but will require significant public and private investment of about \$42 billion over the next 30 years.
- City Council approved \$278.3 million over 2023-26 to advance Edmonton's energy transition and climate adaptation.
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Conversation starters:

- What is your party's plan to help Edmonton with climate resilience?

- One of the City of Edmonton's biggest sources of emissions comes from public transit buses. Will your party help support Edmonton's move to zero-emissions buses, like the hydrogen bus, so Edmonton's environment can be protected?
- How will your party help Edmonton reach its goal of carbon neutrality?



Downtown & Economy

A vibrant and safe downtown is essential to Edmonton's economy. To continue to attract world-class talent and business, Edmonton must be a centre of innovation, creativity and technology.

Make investments in Edmonton's economy part of the provincial election conversation.

Did you know?

- Metro Edmonton has Canada's fifth largest economy and is one of the fastest growing regions in the country.
- In 2022, via the [Downtown Vibrancy Fund](#), Edmonton awarded \$6.5 million to over 60 projects supporting festivals, businesses, lighting and public safety.
- The City of Edmonton has invested nearly \$300 million to support vibrancy, safety and well being in Downtown and Chinatown over the last few years.

Conversation starters:

- What will your party do to make downtown Edmonton safe and successful?
- From Whyte Ave to Downtown to Chinatown, Edmonton's businesses need support. How will your party support businesses in Edmonton?
- The City of Edmonton works to support businesses and agencies like Boyle Street and Hope Mission downtown. How will your party add to that support?
- Metro Edmonton is one of the fastest-growing regions in Canada. Does your party have a plan to invest in Edmonton's economy?

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