

## Terms of Reference: Child Friendly Edmonton

Council Term:	2017-2021 Council Term
City Council Sponsor(s):	Councillor B. Esslinger Councillor A. Paquette
Supporting Department:	Citizen Services
Administration Lead:	Rob Smyth / Jackie Foord
Initiative Status:	Existing

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### Mandate

City Council will continue to provide leadership towards creating a more Child Friendly city. Children are important citizens that are capable of providing input on, and participating in, matters that impact them within their city. Areas of focus for the 2017-2021 Council term include children's engagement, ensuring a diversity of welcoming and accessible spaces for children and their families, creating opportunities for and addressing barriers towards inclusive programming, and making Downtown Edmonton a more child friendly place.

### Desired Outcomes

- Outcome #1: Children and families actively participate in decision making processes that affect their wellbeing.
  - Develop child friendly engagement resources for use by City staff and community organizations.
  - Pilot innovative child engagement practices.
  - Evaluate innovative child engagement practices.
- Outcome #2: Edmonton has a diversity of accessible and inclusive programs, services and spaces for children and their families/caregivers.
  - Develop training and resources for child friendly practices on accessible spaces and inclusive programming.
  - Work with other community partners that have similar goals to develop and promote opportunities and resources.
  - Collaborate and integrate with Early Learning and Care Committee through supporting development of resources.
- Outcome #3: Downtown Edmonton will guide other neighbourhoods in demonstrating child friendly practices.
  - Research and develop an inventory of what currently exists, identify barriers and gaps in downtown child friendly public spaces.
  - Launch child friendly business recognition program.
  - Explore opportunities for temporary community play spaces in downtown.

## **Existing Related Corporate Programs**

- Child Friendly Edmonton Strategy
- EndPoverty Edmonton
- Live Active Strategy
- Leisure Access Program
- Urban Isolation/Mental Health Initiative
- Community and Recreation Facility Master Plan
- Age Friendly Edmonton
- Public Engagement Strategy
- Downtown Public Places Plan
- Urban Design Framework

## **Timelines**

- The work plan will be presented to City Council on June 12, 2018.
- This Council Initiative will report to the Community and Public Services Committee twice a year, with the exception of the final year in which the second report will be made to City Council.

## **Key Stakeholders**

- UNICEF Canada Child Friendly Cities Initiative
- International Play Association Canada
- Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

## **Financial Implications**

Any estimated financial and human resources for future work will be identified in the work plan that will be presented to City Council on June 12, 2018.