

Terms of Reference: Indigenous Peoples Strategy

Council Term:	2017-2021 Council Term
City Council Sponsor(s):	Councillor S. Hamilton Councillor S. McKeen
Supporting Department:	Citizen Services
Administration Lead:	Rob Smyth / Jackie Foord
Initiative Status:	Existing

Mandate

City Council will continue to support Indigenous communities and citizens in the pursuit of their economic, social, and cultural aspirations moving forward, and existing initiatives and relationships will continue to be strengthened. Areas of focus for the 2017-2021 Council Term include support for culture, celebrations, community economic development, and nurturing new and existing relationships.

Desired Outcomes

- Outcome #1: Support cultural wellness and celebrations.
 - Enhance supports to community cultural celebrations, gatherings, and initiatives in Edmonton by partnering on a minimum of four events annually.
 - Support planning/development of spaces where wellness ceremonies, and cultural learning opportunities can thrive which may include exploring the viability and opportunity of reflecting Indigenous contributions to Edmonton on a national scale.
- Outcome #2: Promote community economic development.
 - Enhance engagement with Indigenous businesses, professionals, and suppliers in Edmonton and region through projects like Community Economic Development Initiative with Enoch Cree Nation.
 - Partnerships with groups, such as, AKSIS - Edmonton's Aboriginal Business and Professional Association; to promote opportunities for Indigenous businesses and professionals to connect to City procurement processes.
- Outcome #3: Nurture new and existing relationships.
 - Explore opportunities to work collaboratively with partners, and continually renew existing partnerships.
 - Support early engagement with Indigenous communities on City planning and infrastructure projects.

Existing Related Corporate Programs

- EndPoverty Edmonton
- Enoch Cree Nation / City of Edmonton Community Economic Development Initiative Working Committee
- Boundary Interface Protocols and Strategies with Enoch Cree Nation and Parkland County
- AKSIS, Edmonton's Aboriginal Business and Professional Association
- Kichiy Askiy (Fox Farms Site)
- Fort Edmonton Park Indigenous Peoples Experience
- Indigenous Artist in Residence pilot
- River Crossing - Heritage Interpretive Plan
- Ben Calf Robe Pow Wow
- National Indigenous Peoples Day

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

- Enoch Cree Nation
- Government of Canada and Government of Alberta
- Canadian Association of Native Development Officers
- Confederacy of Treaty No.6 First Nations
- Metis Nation of Alberta
- Native Counselling Services of Alberta
- Fort Edmonton Park Management
- Edmonton Public and Catholic School Boards
- AKSIS, Edmonton's Aboriginal Business and Professional Association
- Post-secondary institutions in and around Edmonton

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.