

Terms of Reference: Northern Relations

Council Term:	2017-2021 Council Term
City Council Sponsor(s):	Councillor J. Dziadyk Councillor T. Caterina
Supporting Department:	Regional and Economic Development
Administration Lead:	Gary Klassen / Paul Ross
Initiative Status:	Existing

Mandate

The Edmonton Northern Partnership will build and strengthen committed relationships between Edmonton and northern communities in order to help foster shared economic, social, and cultural prosperity. The Edmonton Northern Partnership is a partnership between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Economic Development Corporation, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, Edmonton International Airport and the University of Alberta.

Desired Outcomes

- Outcome #1: Edmonton provides support to the growth of local and emerging economies.
 - All Edmonton Northern Partnership member organizations will facilitate local economic development initiatives not only in Edmonton but in the emerging cities and towns in the North through common regional economic development agendas, knowledge and skill transfer, regional and local innovation and a shared vision for the North.
- Outcome #2: Edmonton is recognized as a global business leader in the North.
 - The Edmonton Northern Partnership will continue to progress its work to advance Edmonton as a business and regional champion for the North. As part of the Edmonton Northern Partnership, the City of Edmonton will continue to promote its role as a catalyst for business process and policy changes, transformational infrastructure and strong connections with its regional municipal partners.

- Outcome #3: Edmonton fosters increased collaboration at the community-to-community level.
 - The City of Edmonton along with the other members of the Edmonton Northern Partnership will continue to advance mutually-beneficial opportunities and present a cohesive front to regional issues to the provincial and federal governments.

Existing Related Corporate Programs

- N/A

Timelines

- The Work Plan will be presented to Council on June 12, 2018.
- This Council Initiative will report to the Executive Committee twice a year, with the exception of the final year in which the second report will be made to City Council.

Key Stakeholders

- Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- Edmonton International Airport
- University of Alberta
- Edmonton Economic Development Corporation

Financial Implications

- The City's annualized partnership contribution to the Edmonton Northern Partnership is covered within the existing operating budget of the Regional and Economic Development Department.

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