



# CITY POLICY

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**TITLE:** **Immigration and Settlement**

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**Policy Statements:**

The City of Edmonton is committed to a municipal environment that attracts and retains immigrants, refugees and their families. To this end the City of Edmonton commits to action in seven key policy areas.

**Economic Integration**

The City of Edmonton promotes full integration of newcomers within Edmonton's economic mainstream.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

The City of Edmonton will engage other orders of government in order to participate in formal discussions and decision-making related to immigration policy and program development that potentially impacts Edmonton.

The City of Edmonton will seek partnerships with other orders of government in order to access funding for projects that address mutual objectives in the area of immigration and settlement.

**Service Access and Equity**

As a support to successful settlement, City of Edmonton programs and services will continue to be made accessible to newcomers.

**Planning and Co-ordination**

To ensure corporate coherence, City of Edmonton immigrant policies and programs will be consistent with and contribute to the achievement of Diversity and Inclusion Framework goals. In so doing, the City will support inter-departmental and inter-governmental collaboration.

**Communication, Public Awareness and Education**

The City of Edmonton will provide public information, effective communication, staff development and research that supports successful settlement and promotes a welcoming and positive municipal and public climate for immigrants.



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## **Community Building and Inclusion**

The City of Edmonton will encourage and support immigrant and refugee communities' participation in all aspects of municipal life.

## **Immigrant Women**

Given particular vulnerabilities and challenges faced by some immigrant women, City of Edmonton programs and services will be responsive to their issues and needs.

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**The purpose of this policy is to** enable the City, within its mandate as municipal government and service provider, to work with all other orders of government; economic, social and cultural institutions; and immigrants to attract newcomers and provide support to enable immigrants to develop a sense of identity, belonging and full participation in the social, economic, cultural and political life of Edmonton.