



CITY POLICY

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REFERENCE:

The Way Ahead
The Way We Grow
The Way We Move
The Way We Green
The Way We Live

ADOPTED BY:

City Council
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SUPERSEDES:

New

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TITLE: Green Building

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Policy Statement:

The City of Edmonton can play a strong role in supporting a green building sector that improves the environmental, health, and socioeconomic performance of all existing and new commercial, institutional, industrial, mixed-use, multifamily residential and single-family residential buildings in Edmonton. The City is also well positioned to lead and support the delivery of public and industry education campaigns, provide incentives and engage in capacity building activities and use its authority in land use planning and development approvals to transform the local green building market.

More specifically, the City supports the design, construction, operation and retrofitting of high performance green buildings that integrate the following while remaining economically viable:

1. Energy conservation and efficiency
2. The use of low-carbon, sustainable energy sources
3. The use of non-toxic, low-carbon, recycled, regional and sustainably produced building materials
4. Preservation and restoration of biodiversity
5. Conservation and sustainable management of water resources
6. Improvements in ambient and indoor air quality
7. Durability and resiliency to disturbances that might result from climate change
8. Food and agriculture systems
9. Recycling, waste reduction and effective waste management
10. Improved comfort, aesthetics, adaptability and liveability



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To encourage the transformation to Green Buildings, the City of Edmonton will:

1. Communicate, educate and promote green building benefits and green building best practices to both industry and consumers to build industry capacity and increase demand
2. Collaborate, cooperate and partner with other green building advocates
3. Provide coordination, recognition and financial incentives for meeting and exceeding green building expectations
4. Enact bylaws, procedures, directives, processes, programs and guidelines

The purpose of this policy is to:

Establish the application of a Green Building Plan that provides a set of actions aimed at improving the environmental, health, and socioeconomic performance of all types of buildings, existing and new, in the city: commercial, institutional, industrial, mixed-use, multifamily residential and single-family residential buildings.