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Number of Ideas	IDEA	Code	Code	Code	SUBMITTED
1	<p>463</p> <p>Edmonton should submit to have the RED BULL crashed ice contest, and maybe build an ice hotel, just like Quebec city. The crashed ice contest would put EDMONTON on the map for this event</p>	2	4	5	contest
2	<p>As I local resident, I would be thrilled to be a part of this experience and opportunity and thank you for your ability to allow for input. (see brochure in pdf format).</p>	8			contest
3	<p>I would have to say Edmonton does a Great Job making winter fantastic for everyone young, old and homeless. There are things that every city still needs to add and to me a big thing would be something warm, refreshing and also helpful to others. In downtown Edmonton where many people attend any age. Making a area full of warm drinks snacks and entertainment and even a skating ring for the younger crowd while the parents are visiting each other. People would love to be out and about if there is warmth involved. Winter activates could happen as well some contests like at rabbit hill do something with the young kids like a small Olympics. There is a thousand things to do and have fun in the winter.</p>	3	4		contest
4	<p>We should change all of our sidewalks to skating rinks! The city should stop worrying about shoveling and sanding the sidewalks in winter, and instead spray them all with water early on in the season. We could call them Ice-walks. We could save money on the cost of shoveling and sanding, and our city would be much cleaner, too, making spring clean up a breeze! Furthermore, we'd cut back on all the hip fractures, because everybody would know to get on your bum and slide! The health benefits (and health care savings!) would be extraordinary! Now, we wouldn't want to put all of those city workers out of work, so instead they could go to work on mini-Zambonis to ensure our Icewalks are ship-shape! They could also develop slides from entry ways to give everyone a head start. It would be a great way to get to work every morning, and put a smile on a few more Edmontonian faces</p>	2	7	4	contest

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5	I think we could make Edmonton the winter city, by having some ice sculptures near city hall, with (when the weather warms up) some tame outdoor rabbits for the people/kids to pet, Hot chocolate given out by the mayor at times, and a visit from Stephen Harper! I had an earlier idea just sent in, would like to add: Have Jim Cuddy from Blue Rodeo) come back to Edmonton for an outdoor performance downtown when it warms up, hot chocolate, and a personal meet and greet for me, for thinking it up. Thanks. And maybe a visit from the Great One, Wayne Gretzky, he could face off and play some hockey against Jim Cuddy. Ive seen Jim Cuddy play hockey outdoors once on tv. I LOVED IT.	6	3	4	contest
6	I think it would be neat if Edmonton hosted a snow fort making contest, and had professionals come in and make wonderful snow forts. Allow for families/children to come in and play in the forts.	5			contest
7	move it to Florida. ???				contest
8	Could we possibly flood a portion of the river to make a skating rink and outdoor curling rink, that Edmontonians and those from the surrounding area could use? It would be so much fun!	1	2	4	contest
9	People should be encouraged to shop on cold days with their pets. Warm dishes on water could be placed outside(in plastic bowls that are changed frequently). Store owners could have doggy treats for their furry guests. It is positively charming when people shop with their pets. People can't spend money locally sitting inside on their butts! It gives the idea to get out all year round and enjoy the city.	3			contest

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10	<p>... Igloo City...location could be City Hall/Whyte Ave. Artists can sculpt their own igloos or some igloos can be models or ...life size igloos for hotel stays. [build] spectacular igloo hotels. Spotlights/creative lighting can showcase the igloos. Ice furniture sculptures can be used in the hotels. As well, ice can be carved into fun plates and cutlery for serving meals...replica igloos can be sculpted. Igloos can be made to replicate key landmarks in Edmonton (i.e.City Hall or Leg bldg) or Alberta, making it a province showcasing event. Igloo bars can serve ice cold martinis & festive cocktails. Charities can also benefit from Igloo City. Auctions can be held-bidders can have a lifesize ice sculpture made of them. I can see this to be popular among Politicians or large businesses to advertise their name. Corporations can choose to have an igloo made to represent their company or simply have their [logos] carved into the side of igloos. Igloo City can be built [for] the annual Ice on Whyte Festival. I can see Igloo City to be popular with Edmontonians, Albertans, & ... national & international ... tourists.</p>	5	6		contest
11	<p>Lets look to the north to learn how to get out and enjoy winter!....they dress for it. For the first time ever this year I bought a down parka...and now I enjoy the winter days in comfort. The coat could be symbolic of our city, and recognized beyond the city when we travel. With an Edmonton logo or recognizable feature. One type is http://www.canada-goose.com/products/.....(and they offer partnerships)I noticed many of these when I was in Yellowknife....but we could "make it our own" . The Artic Winter games is another example of using the standardized coat. The only thing staying between us and the outdoors is staying warm.....and an "Edmonton" coat could do that. It worked for the winter Olympics (and the Bay!) and it could work for Edmonton</p>	3	2	5	contest

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12	<p>Mt. Edmonton... build a hollow artificial mtn over the north part of Bonnie Doon/Strathern... It is something to be worked on & completed perhaps in next 20-50 yrs... a first stage which is relatively small and could probably be completed in the near future. The structure would be a tetrahedron (a three sided pyramid), with the north side extending up from ... the Edmonton Ski club... have this north side serve as a major ski hill in the winter & provide additional seating for the folk fest. It would be constructed with snow machines & lifts built in. The other two sides, the SE & SW would be glass, enclosing the neighbourhood below in a all season summer environment... the heating systems could be geothermal and it would probably be necessary to prohibit fuel burning machines inside. The peak would be a ski lodge and a LRT station. There would be a gondola that would be part of the LRT system going north from the peak down to Cloverdale and up to Jasper Avenue near the Convention Centre. Of less importance the gondola line could extend south to Whyte Avenue as well. [continued in email, with images</p>	4			contest
13	<p>Public and Online Display of Winter Activity Thermal Meter (a.k.a.WinterMeter) where "the bar" goes up and down like a thermometer - where links to public or community events/ festivities/ activities in the Edmonton Area are triggered depending on the outside temperature (with Windchill factored in) -- links could be directed to websites or videos or social media sites or to venue ads. [more details in email]</p>	8			contest
14	<p>I suggest a winter gear trade show that sells the latest in hi-tech clothing and equipment that actually keeps you WARM – as opposed to simply looking like it should keep you warm. You could call it something like “What’s HOT this Winter!” They could sell clothing and gear good enough to wear even in the far far north like the Yukon, NWT, and Nunavut. I think the Fort McMurray crowd on rotation, would probably even want to get in on that. Keeping warm always makes me love winter a lot more.</p>	5	3		contest
15	<p>Winter horse drawn carriage/sleigh rides with lanterns through historical parts of the city in the evenings, either with wheels or sleigh depending on snow conditions. with a hot apple cider. A tour guide talks about the history of he area on the ride. Trips leave at scheduled intervals. People can pre-register or just show up. Two carriages waiting to go - one for pre-registered, one for overflow or anyone who shows up. Affordable prices for families. Wooly blankets provided for knee cover up. Areas : The university, Old Strathcona, parts of downtown, etc</p>	5			contest

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16	<p>an annual party that could bring people to Edmonton or bring people out of there houses who live in Edmonton. Have a licensed outdoor party with big enough grounds, have some ice sculptures, snow activities, a posh bar, a bar by a big campfire. Make a winter ski resort around a big concert with real bands people want to see. But I'm sorry don't make it family. Look up Octoberfest in Kitchener Waterloo Ontario and Concordia Club. An annually party that everyone waits for. Get the promo out right and make it a thing you need to go to. Check out Coachella as well. Do a smaller version of that and make it winter. \$\$\$\$\$\$ and fun! Skating down the river like the Rideau Canal Skateway would be pretty sweet as well.</p>	5			contest
17	<p>we need to attract families to Edmonton...have giant tobagganing for children ..(adults too), hot chocolate competitions of who can make the best...Make Edmonton into a winter fair. Tobagganing...the main attraction & the hot chocolate competition a side attraction. When I say competition I mean a similar idea to chili tasting, or the food festival where people can visit the different stands & enjoy excellent hot cholocate and other warm goodies. Winter rides should be offered like sleigh rides, & maybe dog sled rides. Every part of Edmonton should be decorated to the max. Plays should be showing like the Fringe Festival has. Winter Games should be offered like throw the snowball & knock the cans over to win a prize. Snowman building contests & maybe even snow angel contests. Not just plays, but also winter concerts of local bands & choirs. Maybe talent shows, "What is the best winter-like talent do you posess?" & writing competitions, "What is your favourite thing about winter or Edmonton or both?" Edmonton has a lot to offer. Everything we do in the summer time we can do in the winter time...</p>	5	4		contest
18	<p>Friendly, warm bus stops that act as 'Third Spaces'. There must be opportunities to partner with local businesses to integrate bus stops with coffee shops, book stores, cafes, etc. Perhaps the City leases space from private landowners, or gives tax breaks to private owners.....anything to expand the footprint of bus stops and to grant transit users access to a warm and inviting place to wait for the bus.</p>	7			contest
19	<p>I miss the old First Night festival. There were so many things to do and see. I remember running all over downtown and listening to great music and having fun. The current New Year's eve celebrations seem to be a pale imitation.</p>	5			contest

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20	a community or public event like the east end Freeze Festival, and some activities outdoor but with rest rooms and heaters, such as a luge run, curling rinks, watching the night sky for stars, winter golf, horse shoes competition, snow shoe racing, or the largest scavenger hunt changing weekly the items needed to complete the event something that can involve all at no cost or very low cost to the public but still be enjoyable	5	2		contest
21	Please see my idea under Idea #17. Comments, add Edmonton to the small circuit of international Winter Triathlon events. (see contact with Pentathlon des Neiges, Quebec City)	2			contest
22	map out key routes for pedestrians and cyclists in Edmonton and identify routes and connections that will be maintained year round to allow kids to get to school, people to walk to transit, bike routes for commuting and great recreational walks. Currently different departments in the City have different maintenance priorities in terms of helping people move around in winter	7			contest
23	I'm wondering if many people saw the CBC program "Life Below Zero" on winter cities in Norway and Sweden, there were so many great ideas that I almost considered moving there to get back my love of winter! Ever since I moved to Edmonton about 7 years ago from my small home town, I regret to say I started to have a disdain for winter. Back home in Three Hills it was easy to walk anywhere, people took pride in shoveling their sidewalks, buildings were clean mainly from lack of heavy traffic and everything was at arms length, liter of milk, pharmacy, coffee date, were all only 2 mins away or an enjoyable 10-15 mins walk. I would do that even in -20 just for some fresh air! Now comparing small town living to a big city is like comparing apples and oranges. I know. I would never be able to easily grab a falafel before a 6PM movie then grab a Starbucks after! When I go to the grocery store I'm not paying an arm and a leg for produce and have an incredible selection. What I think a big city like Edmonton could take away from a small town would be pride in appearance. Winter months are grey and driving around places like 97th St or 127th St or	3	7		contest

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24	Hi, Although I already love winter in Edmonton, I would like to see more public education on dressing for winter, as I believe that staying warm is the key to enjoying the outdoors. This is something which could be spearheaded by the staff at Global tv. We see some of this already in the Morning television show, where there are a lot of outdoor activities. But there could be more. Tips about wearing layers are good, but there could also be discussion about what kind of layers, about the better kind of garments to wear cross country skiing or skating, or just for walking to work.. Although your presenters on the front lines could wear fashionable winter gear, there could also be info on how to dress well for winter on a budget. Your website could be useful. When I see new Canadians wearing cotton in -30 weather, I know there is a real need for something like this. I know for me, wearing the right gear when skiing, walking or cycling makes all the difference between enjoyment and frustration. Properly attired, I can enjoy the sun, the snow, the wind, whatever comes.	3			contest
25	Hi Just a simple idea, ice homes for the homeless they will look awesome (so many designs) and the homeless can use them, kind of take note from Quebec and buld and ice city.	4			contest
26	Two ideas! With the structures created downtown...move them to 99st(?)beside the Winspear to free up the square and bring in the 104st. Market over the Winter. La Cité in the French Quarter (Bonnie Doon) would be interested in hosting a winter event inspired by some of the initiatives that take place out east. (Sugar Festival, Carnaval d'hiver type event (Perhaps we could partner with Québec City), Festival of Light challenging local artists/ designers to create a (light/dance) performance outdoors on our Patio etc.)	5	6	3	contest

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27	<p>Cold Snap, Would be about Winter outdoors and indoors, huge winter fashion shows, show casing local and well known designers. Beauty pageants, from our Frosty-baby category(Every mother thinks they have the cutest child on earth). right up to Snowy Seniors. (Every Senior wants to be the cutest babe on earth) The talent portion is skiing, skating, snow shoeing, tobogganing, snowman building. For the infants perhaps a Sleigh ride. what ever winter activity you can think of. An Ice Queen and King would be crowned. Dog sleigh competitions. Bon fire, booths with hot chocolate, soups, chilli. Tables in heated tents. (Think Big) Have some world class figure skaters, hockey players, (not the Oilers, how ever they could be giving autographs) teach some tips on the indoor and outdoor rinks, Winter theme plays at the Shaw and Citadel, Winter art exhibits. Edmonton is the capital of Alberta so lets be a Capital Outdoor Lotafun Destination.</p>	3	5		contest
28	<p>Hold the world's first ever Winter International Video Mapping Competition in Downtown Edmonton. Check out this link:...more » https://edmontonwintercity.ideascale.com/a/dtd/International-Winter-Light-Video-Mapping-Projection-Competition/87214-17337 . The idea would be to choose 5-6 blank-walled buildings downtown on an easy walking route whereby citizens and visitors could stroll during the winter evening / night, vote at heated hot chocolate / cider ice bar or patios, sample food-truck along the way, socialize, window shop and or attend other winter events running concurrently or later that night. International designers would compete under the common theme of winter. Corporate sponsors could donate buildings, labour, transportation, volunteers, etc. demonstrating goodwill and pride in our community. This event would be free and accessible to all Edmontonians, could be held over the course of several nights and publicize our city nationally, and internationally.</p>	5	3		contest

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29	My idea isn't dramatic, but I believe will enable Edmontonians the chance to better utilize the activities that the city has already put in place. By having cross-country and snow-shoe rentals available at prime locations near or on the River Valley trails, residents who don't own this equipment, or residents who don't have their own vehicle to pick up rentals at retail outlets (such as MEC) will be better able to enjoy the paths and routes already set up by the city. This idea stems from a visit I made to Vancouver, where bike and rollerblade rentals are available from small seasonal huts that are set up on the Seawall. Because of the location of the rentals, tourist and residents alike are able to better enjoy activities on the Seawall	1	2	3	contest
30	What would make you fall in love with winter in Edmonton? 1. The City could find a way to sponsor winter themed neighborhood block parties. 2. Edmonton could throw a snowman building competition for families somewhere like the fields by the Kinsmen Field House. 3. Find a park/field in each neighborhood where the city could plow a large portion of snow to make a small hill for people to toboggan on.	5	4		contest
31	the city and private sector should partner up to hold a winter games. Similar to the Corporate Challenge that is held in the summer, companies can sponsor teams and friendly competition can ensue. The Corporate Challenge is a very successful model and there is no reason why a winter version couldn't be just as popular. I can see teams having 3 on 3 hockey, bobsleigh (aka: toboggan) races, cross country ski races, snow ball fights, street hockey, etc. The possibilities are endless. I think this would be a great opportunity to get a large number of people out and about and experience Edmonton at its wintry best	5	2		contest
32	How about outdoor movies? We have them now in Churchill Square during the summer - winter would work even better. It gets dark early - perfect for outdoor cinema. The movies could be projected on an ice wall / or specially designed snow wall and they could be winter themed and who wouldn't love to watch a Christmas movie outside under the glow of the Churchill Christmas tree, while sipping on a hot chocolate or a glass of mulled wine. Loaner blankets could be supplied and the seating could be made out of hay bales.	5			contest

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33		I would fall in love with edmonton's winter if every bus estation in the entire city would have heaters, because when you have to wait for transportation in the winter, in a very low temperature, in the interperie, it is not fun and makes me do not want to go out of my house.	7			contest
34		I would suggest a Christmas market downtown. Small booths selling christmas treats, hot drinks, freshly baked bread and other such items. They are all over the place in europe and very popular.	3	4		contest
35		a friendly...competition btw downhill & cross country skiers, Figure skaters & Hockey players, toboggan & dog sleds, & snow vs. ice ice carvers. have snow fort - castle competitions made with plastic snow block molds, maybe have companies - teams & individuals raise money [to] determine how many blocks of snow you can use. Set it by the pyramids or snow valley, shine up bright lights & have fireworks. We are the City of Champions. lets call some out & have some profession skaters compete or against some skating clubs. Little champions & Big champions .. everyone is a winner in our winter ;) theme. snow flake metals & icicle trophies. Dog sleds run & have % earned towards charity... Toboggan hills & snow carving vs. ice carvers. Adult snow men vs. kids snow man competitions... a tent to cover the indoor ice arena for the figure skaters. have an ice show in the evening. we could do a call out to the clubs in the area. making of a snow/ice bar in the evening with ice tables & chairs with some local music... Muttart for HotChoc & Mulled Wine. If the wkend is the same as hockey tournaments have a few teams come & play.	2	5		contest
36		utilize bigger Parks such as Hawrelak and do all kinds of activities and sports events: such as snow shoe races, cross country ski races and games, etc	2			contest
37		having beautiful ice sculptures around the city would be amazing!	6			contest
38		I believe that the one outstanding asset of Edmonton is the generosity of Edmontonians. So that in mind my suggestion is the following with the focus on supporting our local charities: dog sled races in the river valley, rundle park; snow fort building, classified by diffirent catolgies, family, children, companies, etc.; staking races in Haweluk Park, again diffirent catogories; involve associations like YES, FoodBank, Inner City; solict businesses for prizes.	8	1	5	contest

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39	I'm Dustin Stephenson. Ive lived here for my whole life. 26 years. I think we need an indoor skating track with hills curves etc. That would be awesome fun! Bigger the better of course.	2			contest
40	I suggest bringing in "Red Bull Crashed Ice" it's a combination of ice hockey and down hill skiing and border cross also featuring some former NHL players. They skate down a smaller version of a ski hill with curves and such. It is a race to finish. This would attract alot of spectators when the race is on and when the competition is over then local daredevils may try their skills. This could possibly help Edmonton to be noted as a Leading Winter City. Thank you.	2			contest
41	Our suggestion for making Edmonton a better winter city is to make a miniature Rideau Canal that would run 1 or so in the city centre - you could build a ditch along this canal and pump water from the river into this canal - than have kiosks set up on the canal. thank you.	2	4		contest
42	Hi, My idea for the Winter City Contest would be to get that Red Bull Crashed Ice here. How awesome would that be? Having skaters from all over the world racing down a track somewhere in the River Valley. That would upt Edmonton on the map. My SECOND IDEA would be maybe even haul in some dirt to Rabbit Hill and make the hills even bigger. You can put trees at the top to block out the farm land behind Rabbit Hill and have bigger and better ski and snow boarding type comps there. MY LAST IDEA is, stage an outdoor hockey game maybe? Either between Universities or Oilers or Oil kings? Have all 3 things going on at once would bring people in. Red Bull Crashed Ice would draw lots of people from North America and the world. A snow board & ski comp at Rabbit Hill could start a CANadian Finals board&ski championship. Then have a outdoor hockey game playing another Canadian team or Canadian University to bring their fans here too. You can even have a bigger ice on whyte comp in Hawrelak Park?	2	4		contest
43	My idea for transforming Edmonton into a world-class winter city is as follows: More public events at skating rinks and toboggan hills. It would be great to se emore specialty nights with different types of music, or performers on hand to draw people to the hills. Even if we could dress up the hills with extra lights and artwork, that would be a great start. Also, there should be lights strung on the Walterdale Bridge over the wintertime, like they do with their similar bridge in Saskatoon.	2	5	6	contest

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44	<p>Idea: Aggressively pursue vendors and businesses that generate significant foot traffic to operate in the pedway spaces and LRT system areas (from 109 Street to 97 Street) to increase foot traffic in the "indoor streets" of downtown and create a downtown that bustles unimpacted by weather.</p> <p>COMPONENTS OF THE IDEA: Free rent or lease for commercial space in LRT pedways to jump-start development. 'Loss' of revenue is compensated for by crime reduction. Cellular service upgraded by adding antennae to subterranean areas. Permission for mobile food sales to operate at platform level. Beautification of LRT platforms and pedways to create streetscapes. Widening and improvement of LRT and Pedway access systems. Increasing washroom and service access in the Pedway system. LONG TERM IDEA: Excavation of wider brighter access points to and between stations and pedways. Closure and enclosure of outdoor streets to create year-round pedestrian malls. Improved access from Pedway system to residential properties.</p>	3	7		contest
45	<p>Much like Quebec city that holds the Red Bull Challenge for skaters from around the world, I believe we could do a similar track here by the river valley. IT could be a skaters track much like Quebec's or a snowboarding track competition. This could be a competition that would bring people from around the world.</p>	2			contest
46	<p>A skating trail in Rosedale. I heard about a great 2.5 km skating trail in Etobicoke (Toronto) - it is shaped like a figure 8. It looks like great fun, and I thought that a similar trail around the repurposed Rosedale plant would be fantastic</p>	1	2		IdeaScale
47	<p>Snow hills/mounds for children. We have small children and they always climb the snow mounds where snow has been piled up next to parking lots/rinks/trails. I have noticed many other children do the same as well, and, they do spend hours climbing, sliding and jumping about on them. Maybe there is an opportunity to create snow hill mounds in various parks, Churchill Sq. for kids to play on. It would be an easy, unstructured playing opportunity with minimal investment. Churchill square could benefit as it would entertain the kids and draw families in. a thought anyway.</p>	2			IdeaScale

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48	Safe sidewalks. I love the idea of having lots of fabulous winter activities for Edmontonians and visitors. However, we need to have a comprehensive strategy for cleaning snow off the sidewalks. We want moms with strollers, people with mobility challenges and seniors who are afraid of falling to be able get out of their homes so that they can attend these events and participate in community life. Let's make our city as safe as possible for everyone in Winter!	7	8		IdeaScale
49	Lets open up an outdoor pool, like the Jasper Park Lodge, for some swimming during the winter months	2			IdeaScale
50	North by Northwest - Alternative music festival catering to up and coming, as well as established alternative music	5			IdeaScale
51	What would make me fall in love with Winter in Edmonton would be a City-managed Toboggan hill that includes: good lighting in the evening; public bathroom or "port-a-potty"; groomed hill (de-icing a safe walking path up the hill); on-site FREE toboggan rentals for families; and possibly a shelter for warming up, and/or place to purchase hot beverages and snacks.	5	6	3	contest
51	I think what would make edmontons winters more fun is, having more outdoor family fun festivals like what Edmonton offers in summer . That could include horse drawn sleigh rides a warm up station crafts snow shoeing , music to skate to with maybe skate race contests. I think it would be awesome if city of Edmonton offered winter activitys for children to do ,nature walks to see what our city really has in winter wild life and all and a educational talk afterwards.	5			contest
53	mass "Snowball" fight! Obviously using snowballs might be a safety issue so just using balls would be fun. There could be snow blowers sprinkling snow over the contestants to give a winter feeling. Making this event a 2000-3000 person event outside, in the River Valley, Goldbar or Hawlack park would encourage exercise and group involvement. There could be corporate, neighborhood and friend teams. This would be very exciting for all ages! I know I would go!	2			contest

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54	<p>I have a few ideas! While winter can be cold, it can be fun if you keep a positive mind. What you'll find is that Edmontonians CAN embrace winter, both by taking part in boundless outdoor adventure opportunities and arts and cultural events that showcase our creativity and the sense of community that define our lifestyle. It'd be great to have ice-sculptures, have kids have a snowfort building contests (with a little adult help of course). I also think it'd be awesome to make a snow/ice house. You could walk through, and go to the 'kitchen' for coffee, tea, hot chocolate.. Have ice furniture, and take a tour through the house. Then, you could go outside and make snow forts, have everyone bring crazy carpets, sleds, etc. and have a race down a hill. Also, just for some added fun and excitement, have a bon fire and roast marshmallows! Sit around on ice chairs, and ice 'couches'. Have sleigh rides, and perhaps an outdoor petting zoo, since the weather has been so gorgeous. Have a "Winter Olympics" game for everyone in different age groups. Fun little things for the kids such as crazy carpet racing, and three-legged races, who builds the best</p>	3	5		contest
55	<p>Let's be honest, Winterlude is the coolest winter festival in Canada. They have the ice slides and the bonhomme, beaver tails and the Rideau Canal. But we have all that and more. We have the temperatures to work that easily. We have the rink at city hall and a ski hill right in town. Edmonton needs a true ice blue winter festival with a cool mascot, ice slides and our own Edmonton twist, maybe bust open the mini donuts from Capital X. It would be so much fun. And when I went to Winterlude in 2004 all I could think was, "if this was at home, I would be here for every single day of this festival". So I think that would make winter more fun, if we celebrated it and faced it, rather than complained and hid inside!</p>	5			contest

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56	<p>There is already plenty to do in Edmonton over the winter, the problem remains that the citizens are passive about taking the action upon themselves to get off their couches and into the great outdoors. I think the best thing Edmonton can do to promote a great winter city is to work with the communities and citizens to create motivation to get out there. In the summer the city runs its free day and people are out in droves! This year when we took our daughter out for free admission day we endured the parking troubles and the lines and managed to take her to the zoo, Fort Edmonton, and the nature centre. Perhaps if the city runs an event of this type in January? Family day weekend sees a lot of special activities and lowered admissions but I think a city wide free admission day in January would be great as well. Run sleigh rides at Fort Edmonton with snowman building competitions and ice curling. Run special winter animals highlights at the valley zoo. Snowshoeing and animal tracks activities at John Janzen. The list goes on. It could be part of a larger mid-winter festival of sorts for January. Think of Jasper in January when Marmot</p>	5	2		contest
57	<p>1. I think it would be great to replicate the world record dodgeball game recently held at the U of A with an attempt to have the world's largest snowball fight! We could engage other winter cities around the world in friendly competition that would essentially herald Edmonton as being equivalent to Oslo, Helsinki, St Petersburg.... This would engage Edmontonians and put us on the map as a dynamic winter destination. 2. The other idea I have is to open a Boutique Ice Hotel. They're usually designed from scratch every year - meaning a yearly design competition featuring local talent. 3. It might also be great to have an ice version of Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum.</p>	2	4		contest
58	<p>A real treat which will have everyone wishing it was winter ... Beavertail's! They are a Canadian Company. A Beavertail is a delicious pastry, formed like a beavertail. It can be served savory or sweet. Setting a Beavertail shack up at all outdoor events ... Skating, skiing, etc, will draw crowds. The famous Beavertail is served along the Rideau Canal in Ottawa. Ask the millions of people there ... It IS what brings them out! Along with the cup of Hot Chocolate</p>	3	2		contest

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59	<p>A well advertised winter festival at a park such as Hawlack park. Include skating, cross country skiing.. Hot chocolate, during the day family activities with warm up tents. Snowman/igloo building, ice sculptures ect. Carry it on into the evening.. And maybe more adult activities..beer gardens. I am sure with a little more time and thought it would be easy to come up with some fantastic ideas. Include vendors and have it last at least a whole weekend maybe even a week. But MUST be fun for all and well advertised! If done EVERY year same time it will catch on! If before Christmas tree decorating. I sure there is already such an event but make it really about Edmonton</p>	5			contest
60	<p>I suggest we take over Hawrelak Park with a myriad of different things to do. Bring in some Live Music,have dogsleds,igloos,a maple syrup exhibit & possibly get an appearance by Bob & Doug Mckenzie or have a contest to dress up like them.It would be nice to have the return of the Zip Line they had here during the Grey Cup</p>	5			contest
61	<p>Born and raised here, I'm already in love with winter in Edmonton. The challenge is to show others all the positives about this amazing season and how it can be embraced in this amazing city. I suspect that this contest will be receiving all kinds of suggestions on ways to make one fall in love with winter in Edmonton, some of the obvious being the festivals, activities, sports and cultural events. The media has such a powerful influence on how people feel during the day. My suggestion would be to work in cooperation with all media types who broadcast the weather for this city. We need a change in their attitude. They have such a powerful influence on how we feel about what's coming when they forecast the weather. Let's request that they portray all things winter in a POSITIVE manner. Snow, and cold, should not be treated as horrible 4 letter words, but instead should be broadcast as most welcome weather phenomenon. Cold weather in Edmonton almost always comes with incredibly sunny days that reflect the beauty of winter. Rosy cheeks and frosty eyebrows provide an image of good health and fun. Snow brings the obvious winter activities of skiing, snowboarding and</p>	8			contest
62	<p>Hot chocolate and warm snack carts in popular city gathering locations.</p>	3			contest

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63	<p>Winter in Edmonton is one of the coldest and harshest in all of Canada in my honest opinion. Though this year may seem to be a bit warmer than usual. But the perfect winter that is good enough to fall in love with for me comes in two ways. Why is that you ask? Because the winter in Edmonton fluctuates and it really depends on how you're feeling. If the weather is below -25 degrees Celsius, then my ideal winter would be to stay at home, sipping good green tea while playing my favorite video games. Just to relax. Don't get me wrong, just because I play video games and like the spend the day indoors does not make me boring. It's a way to relieve stress from over working and the small problems in my everyday life. That would be the perfect winter for me. Second is if the weather is higher than -25 degrees Celsius, I would take the time to go all around Edmonton and re-live what Edmonton has to offer me since the day I was born. This is when I feel a bit more adventurous! I would never get sick of going back to the Muttart Conservatory, the beloved famous West Edmonton Mall, Grab a ticket to watch the Oilers play a game, take my girlfriend to</p>	8			contest
64	<p>Councillor Ben: I believe awhile back Edmontonians were asked to submit ideas for making Edmonton a more attractive winter city. So, I'm writing to you because there was something about how winter is treated in the world's winter cities, on one of the radio talk shows today. And, as well I came across this item on the internet: http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/initiatives_innovation/wintercity-history.aspx . If our city is to be more attractive in winter, (1) why don't we already have electric coils heating at least some of our downtown sidewalks, as apparently is the case in Norway's city of Oslo? Also, (2) apparently, in Oslo and other Norwegian cities (being winter cities), buildings are painted in livelier colors. (3) Our city, not being blessed by nature most of the year, has too much beige, black and gray. So, (4) likely we need to have more colorful bldgs., etc., (5) with more neon-type signage to brighten the surroundings. (3) And, (6) perhaps it's time to jazz up downtown with more focus on zoning, i.e. beginning with an ethnic-themed street, with restaurants, bars, etc., but following a theme? Not helter-skelter like is now the case. Edmonton can do much more than</p>	7	4	6	email

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65	<p>Gentlemen, A pleasure connecting with you yesterday and congratulations on your efforts to date in transforming Edmonton into the great northern city we are capable of. As both a proud Edmontonian and on behalf of EIA and our interest in driving more inbound passenger demand into the Edmonton region, please consider me a resource to your Think-Tank and Winter City initiatives going forward. IMPORTANT. Similar to how Quebec City has maximized it's geographic strengths and aligned it's infrastructure with it's tourism products in mind, I'm very interested to learn how we can maximize our own beautiful river valley and create and build tangible tourism products that can be promoted to the world. Although we'll create products and experiences unique to our own community, with a proven Quebec City template and other tangible examples of success, I'm genuinely excited about the possibility of....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Toboggan hills just off the Shaw Conference Centre similar to the Quebec City experience adjacent to the St. Lawrence River & Chateau Frontenac ; · Outdoor skating experiences similar to the Rideau Canal ; 	7	2		email
66	<p>cities in the world. Some of those cities, like Oslo, Norway, embrace winter wholeheartedly. I heard on a radio talk shown, Feb. 21st, that Oslo has heated sidewalks throughout its downtown core area. Thus, people enjoy being outdoors during the cold winter months. We shouldn't be of a mindset that we're alone in all of this. We are a very young city and should pay attention to what has been successful in more mature cities. We should not hesitate to learn and then act on what it is we learned. Having said the above, downtown Edmonton's core area lacks ambience. When there is no ambience, folks stay away. We should have figured that out by now. It is very important to note that zoning is virtually non-existent in that whole area bordered by 97th Street (south of Chinatown to Jasper Ave.), and by 106th Street, at the other end. Any big city is much more interesting if it's zoned into business, shopping and entertainment areas. Of course, there has to be some sort of incentive to attract businesses, shops, restaurants, theatres, etc. into the very centre. Perhaps via some tax breaks, especially initially. And, the core area is in</p>	7	3		contest
67	If we could add something ... we should add warming stations.	4			postcard
68	don't make anything. Grow bunch of trees	4			postcard
69	make big snow forts then have a big snow ball fight with all different neighbourhoods.	2			postcard
70	a party for the winter soltise	5			postcard
71	I want the city to have more ice rinks.	2			postcard
72	ice sculptures. Ice Dragon festival. Fort Bilding contest.	6			postcard
73	Free hot chocolate. Dragon festival.	3	5		postcard

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74	Winter Soltise Parade. Hot Chocolate contest. Light Show.	5	6		postcard
75	Big adult vs kids snowball fight, outdoor oilers game.	2			postcard
76	fort building contest. Ice sculpture	5	6		postcard
77	Dragan festaville	5			postcard
78	Ice dragon Festival. Colour the snow. Hot Chocolate Truck.	5	3	4	postcard
79	Ice Dragon Festival.	5			postcard
80	ice dragon festival	5			postcard
81	Ice Skating. Giant Chocolate fountain	2	3		postcard
82	Fort building contests, and more winter sports	5	2		postcard
83	Make a igloo parade.	5			postcard
84	Ice dragon festival with lots of bright lights and different colours of snow.	5	6		postcard
85	Horse drawn carriage rides	7	5		postcard
86	Winter sports centre. Snow contests. Winter tour of Edmonton.	2	5	7	postcard
87	Skiing, sledding, snowball fight, build forts, play videogames.	2			postcard
88	Hot chocolate truck/snowmobile, same thing as ice cream truck But Hot chocolate	3			postcard
89	Having a hot chocolate truck giving free hot chocolate	3			postcard
90	Colouring the snow different Colours.	6			postcard
91	choc. truck, snow parck, snow fort, skiing downtown, monkey made out of snow	3	2		postcard
92	Skiing ternaments!	2	5		postcard
93	Paintball fights but the paintballs are snow	2			postcard
94	ICE DRAGON FESTIVAL, cross country skiing	5	2		postcard
95	skating, snowboarding, skiing, snowball fights, snow forts, ice hockey	2			postcard
96	Oganized sport events	2			postcard
97	My idea is that you get people to make real ice and snow sculptures and put them up by stores and houses.	6			postcard
98	City Hall School brainstorming: Ice Palace/ice sculpture, Good Holiday Place, Skating Rink/Hockey Rink, Skiing/Snowvalley/Sledding, Meeting friends/family, Diversity/holiday traditions, Winter Parades, School holidays/free time, Exploring Edmonton, Staying inside in the warm w/family, Heated sidewalks, Going to movies/parties, Hot Chocolate, Snowland mall, Snowpark (benches, sculptures), Sightseeing centre	6	5		CHS diary
99	gaming centre, Ice rink, ski lodge, sledding, snow boarding, Hockey, breakfast for free, cross country pad, winter tours ETS, Hot dog ski Party	2	3	7	CHS diary
100	By ensuring that the sidewalks as well as roads were maintained by making travelling less slippery/dangerous for many, including the elderly, whether it be plowing sooner after snowfall or salting the streets more thoroughly.	7			postcard

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101	When I walk down Edmonton streets I NOTICE they are dirty, especially in winter. The mail boxes, bus stops, flower beds, even sidewalks are covered in filth. If the City of Edmonton took more involvement in cleaning the city in winter it would be more enjoyable for everyone.	7			postcard
102	To be able to buy freshly made potato pancakes in Churchill Sq during the winter months - Like they have in Germany. Mm, delicious!	3			postcard
103	Hot chocolate. Carts and games. Free swimming lessons.	3	2		postcard
104	Hot chocolate carts, food trucks, fire barrels around LRT stops during peak hours. Hot chocolate on the walk home!	3	7		postcard
105	Carnival with Native/French background influenced Canadian food --> similar to that of taste of Edmonton	5			postcard
106	being able to cross country ski to work -- thru the river valley!	1	2		postcard
107	Indoor activities, wheelchair accessible, dance, shows?, where can a wheelchair "drive" in winter?	5			postcard
108	wait and you will more snow	8			postcard
109	Put gravel on street & sidewalk	7			postcard
111	Kiteboarding Canada. Ideas re: kiteboarding in winter: kite park along edge of city (training place, supervised, people get permission to go there, on a farmer's field on property owned by City); annual event at Cooking Lake on Family Day (low-key festival); real high "cool" factor; relatively inexpensive; visions of field on edge of City; set up shelter; very doable; conditions in prairies good for this. This would be the only such event west of Quebec. [NOTE: he knows Pamela Anthony]	2			telephone
111	it funny how just a normal winter day of doing errands can lead to something promising. Let me elaborate. Today I went to pay some bills dressed appropriately for winter, hat, mitts and boots and off I went. Well 9 am this morning in front of a business that I was entering, I slipped on a huge patch of ice. Landed hard on my side, stiff this evening and who knows the weeks to follow. I am thankful I didn't break my neck. I love Edmonton and proud to raise my family here. I am aware of the stations in Edmonton that provide free sand to communities so they can sand their walks for the safety of postal workers and all residents. Why doesn't the city also provide stations where individuals/business owners can get free salt to take care of the entrances to their businesses. Being a realist I am aware that it will cost the city more money. But what about the monies that the city is paying for Health Care for individuals who have fallen and broken arms, legs, wrists, ankles and backs. I would believe if a study was done the city would benefit hugely in the long run. Edmonton is a	7			contest

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112	Take the snow that is hauled away during the winter and pile it up to a HUGE sliding hill and host a Winter Sliding Festival. People of all ages would and could come out to enjoy this winter activity. Make a smaller hill for younger participants too. Serve hot drinks such as cocoa, apple cider. Hold contests for the best designed sliding apparatus. Maybe have some local entertainment perform. The ideas are endless!!! Also, the city could host an OUTDOOR Oilers game! Perhaps, build an ice rink at the same site where the sliding hill would be in the above mentioned idea	2			contest
113	Heritage Classic Curling Bonspiel. Inviting veteran curlers (former greats of the Game) from across Canada for a bonspiel to be held at the Oldest Curling Club in Edmonton. The Granite Curling Club	2			contest
114	I believe Daryl Procinsky here at ONPA Architects has discussed with you our interest in contributing to the Winter City Strategy. We would love the opportunity to contribute to the Think Tank Ideas Hub. Winter City development has been a major part of our 50 year old organization whether it be designing building envelopes for all seasons, designing lighting solutions to play off the white snow cover, or helping the City of Yellowknife develop their Urban Growth Plan. (see attached) . Is there any way that ONPA could be included in the continuing strategy development?	4	6		email
115	Melt all the snow early	7			postcard
116	Mill Creek walk - great! Metropolis - Not so great...would prefer to see something smaller/cozier in the square and that includes the downtown Farmer's Market. Support other Festivals - not Metropolis.	5	4		postcard
117	Make winterlight bigger	5	6		postcard
118	I ♥ Meat!	3			postcard
119	More events like the Winterlight Festival in Mill Creek would be very good in making people feel a sense of community. It was great this year! Thx!	5	6		postcard
120	Beat your goal to end homelessness	4			postcard
121	If we had accessible winter sports events for All levels.	2			postcard
122	Celebrate winter with winter festivles, have more shopping, farmers markets, and other activities that are inclosed in the downtown core.	5	3		postcard
123	Kid-friendly skating shacks	2			postcard
124	There is a winter car race for kids and teens to drive and drift on ice and there is only 1\$ per person.	5			postcard
125	Winter feasteval with lots of new foods to try like snow and maple syrup. Ice sculpters like an Ice castle that you can go in, light shows in a dome, Ice slides , maple leaf ice sculpting	6	3	5	postcard

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126	I think there should be more winter Celebrations than only Metropolis, ice hotel, snow slide, ice sculptures	5	6		postcard
17	Winter festivals, more outdoor spaces to play with the snow, Ice sculptures, some indoor sport places, Ice rink, giant outdoor curling rink	5	2		postcard
128	close roads and have ice/street hockey tournaments -- dances in the streets. -- CAFES, etc.	5	2		postcard
129	Utilize existing infrastructures to animate + celebrate winter -- ice skating parties on ice @ city hall	4	5		postcard
130	winter fashion shows. shows + music on ice	5			postcard
131	Heavily armed snowplows destroying illegally parked cars. skating at Hawrylak Park (already do that)	7			postcard
132	ice hotel like Quebec and beaver tail. Carnival w bonome.	5			postcard
133	Yukigassen!	2			postcard
134	Heated bus shelters + gps on buses	7			postcard
135	Free hot chocolate on the streets	3			postcard
136	LONG DISTANT 'SKATE PATHS' -- NOT RINKS BUT ICE PATHS/TRAILS.	2			postcard
137	heated cafes and winter outside activities -- blankets + hot beverages...	4			postcard
138	CREATING LARGE PILES/MOUNDS OF SNOW FOR KIDS/PEOPLE TO CLIMB & PLAY UPON IN CENTRAL AREAS. USE THE SNOW BEING CLEARED...	4			postcard
139	ENVISION LIGHTS MORE. ICE SKATING WITH CANDLES. BICYCLE COMUTERS WITH LIGHTS. FREE MITTS + TOUQUES 4 ALL	7	3	6	postcard
140	More outside events like what WINTER LIGHTS DOES. MORE COMMUNITY/LOCAL EVENTS	5	6		postcard
141	improve advertisement and events for winter festival. was great this year, but needs improvements. Thanks!	5			postcard
142	more parka parties like the one at Latitude 53!!! should be a party of our winter culture! totally awesome	5			postcard
143	Metropolis sucked!	5			postcard
144	GIVE LATITUDE 53 \$\$ they know HOW TO PROGRAM + BRING People together -- WAY better than Metropolis.	5			postcard
145	I would love to go to an outdoor winter movie!	5			postcard

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146	<p>This idea is simple - create a winter fest for now and thought of it during the symposium. The City brings fun and funding to the communities and the communities give back. Through EFCL the City assists each community to confirm a location in which they are able (legally) to host/construct a winter-play event or display. This could be a 'new' winter game, new world record for..., ice or snow sculpture, silly hockey party, star party or whatever talent / skill / motivation the community has. ~200 community leagues divided by 10 weeks of snowy possibility = 20 destinations a week to be highlighted by Edmonton media. Probably too many - but we know that wouldn't happen overnight! Communities could also collaborate. In the trial year, communities could apply to lessen numbers, but the final goal would be that communities were all well aware that they had this winter op every year. The project could begin through the Great Neighbourhoods program - or, using a portion of the savings per community in Neighbourhood Renewals (12 per year) through LED lighting savings (~\$4,300 per community = \$51,000), each community would receive some money and/or</p>	5	4		contest
147	<p>Edmonton is a river city. I feel like winter events are really spread out in the city and not always advertised well. A festival needs to be thrown in an accessible location and an area any Edmontonian could find. The river never freezes completely so the idea of skating on the river is out. I think what Edmonton needs is an interactive Ice castle complete with a Bavarian style ice village. The castle should be situated to take in the city skyline, it should be positioned by the muttart conservatory. By being located by the pyramids Edmontonians can take in a unique and purely Edmontonian landmark that stands all year round and advertising the event would be easier (as alot of Edmontonians commute across the river for work and the landmark is identifiable). Young families and patrons can warm up inside pyramids. The trees outside can be dressed with lights. The Frozen Bavarian village allows for the flexibility of local vendors to market affordable food and drinks but in a way that is less commercial than "taste of Edmonton". It should have a confectionary shoppe with fudge. My vision is for there to be hot beverages and Canadian snacks such as hot chocolate, meat pies and maple syrup on snow. There can be a</p>	3	5	6	contest
148	<p>I would love to see an ice climbing wall like they have in Winnipeg!</p>	2			contest

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149		hello i would love to see more affordable fun family activities in the city both for the young, teens and adults. also to have a year round indoor skateboard very large. making the activities for young families and low income families affordable might help teens/ young adults get bored fast. i love coming to edmonton to visit and have some fun but find all the activities are expensive I'm a single mom with children, and when u travel food is always involved. thank you	5			contest
150		I love the ice sculptures ice skating at city hall the outdoor carnivals for the kids horse draw sleigh rides snow shoeing. Thank you for asking for my opinion	6	5		contest
151		I would like to suggest, a winter festival that is full of fun winter sports and events ... Igloo building ,winter TPs. Snow shoe races, winter BBQs a week long festival incorporating the fun of the old sports day like activities only winter oriented and a cultural festival filled with traditions Perhaps a dog sled race around the River Valley...	5	2	1	contest
152		I think for me what would make me fall in love with winter in edmonton if there were more activites/ festivals that they could have indoor or outdoor that isnt just for little kids. events for adults and teens to go to with the family something besides crafts something like the fringe were the whole family can enjoy not just kids . my name is jennifer garbutt im from edmonton and im 20	5			contest
153		I am sure visitors won't come to Edmonton based on the attached chart, but many Edmontonions will/can identify with it! SNOW acronym chart (separate file)	8			contest

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154	<p>Ten Best things about visiting Edmonton in the wintertime : 10. More get out of town advertisements and deals for cruises, all inclusive hotels, and Caribbean resort packages than any other city. 9. We are a schnook free city. Apparently all of the schnooks settled in Calgary. 8. We continue to get high draft picks in the National Hockey League draft. 7. Winter lasts 9 months of the year so there is almost never a low season. 6. Only Northern city where the check stops are manned by police on snowmobiles . 5. Restaurants don't have a "no snowshoes..no service" sign posted at the door. 4. We invented windrows! (which keeps getting changed to windows in spellcheck cause the computer doesn't know what the heck they are either! 3. The Innuite may have 50 words for snow but Edmontonians have hundreds of words for Winter..Most of them do not appear in the bible. 2. We have more snowplows per capita than Tim Horton outlets! In Edmonton Double Double means two snowploughs blocking up the whole street! 1. I would have had 10 reasons but my keyboard froze up cause someone left the windrow open....</p>	4	5	3	contest
155	<p>I think this is a fantastic idea! Let's make winter fun in the city. I don't have any one idea but I think anything that is free entertainment outside is great. Maybe create a huge igloo and have concerts in it with a beer garden and kids entertainment on the weekend. Also the city could create a huge skating rink that is open to the public for free. I have moved here from Toronto and Toronto is very good with always having some sort of festival or event on for free in the city. More festivals and events brings the city together and will make people want to visit Edmonton</p>	5	3		contest

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156	When I was on the Woodcroft Community League Board I advocated for cross country ski trails in Coronation Park. We were successful in getting them until this winter. When the trails were no longer being groomed, I emailed the city and found out that because of lack of use, they were no longer going to be groomed. I am dismayed by the lack of advertising on the part of the City to let the rest of the city's residents know about these trails. The recreation department left it to me to advertise the trails at the library and other venues such as Peter Hemingway Pool. The trails never were advertised in the city's x country ski brochure nor on the city's website. I need your support to get these trails back. I am willing to contact all the schools (again) to ask them to use the trails in their phys ed classes. I have learned from speaking with Daniel Moisan, the Director of Phys Ed at St. Mark School, that they have not been using the trails because they do not have access to skis, poles and boots. I called the City of Edmonton to find out if the City would lend their equipment to our schools. The answer was no. Can we forge a partnership between the City	2	8		email
157	I think it would be a great idea to add to the Metropolis idea by having an ice hotel with perhaps a church where people could get married on Christmas Eve or Valentine's Day! Then we could be the romantic winter city.	5	4		contest
158	A festival like Winter [unreadable] w/activities like saw cutting, log pulls, check out Rendering in the Yukon. A party w/events	5			postcard
159	I love to run outside in winter in the beautiful River Valley. But iciness often makes the trails inaccessible. More sand on the trails so we can run on them year round with minimal danger?	2			postcard
160	Edmonton Transit should be able to come in to Entrance of the building. Why aren't they doing this	7			postcard
161	Have a large outdoor hot tub - could be enjoyed by all ages and a great way to warm up in the winter without going all the way to the mountains to use hot springs.	4			postcard
162	- Being able to work out all Night - Need to Run Ice adds difficulty - I work midnights so am up all Night when off would like one facility I can come to - Summer I can Run outside if needed.	2			postcard
163	Well maintained cross country tracks +/- artificial snow on those for winters like this year, Thanks	2			postcard
164	Free bus rides on Saturday & Sunday once a month	7			postcard
165	MOVE TO SPAIN!				postcard
166	how about some naked yoga?				postcard
167	Ice skating on the river - if it ever is safe enough! Hike paths from one set of steps/bridges to another!	1	2		postcard

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168		yes! Outdoor hot tubs (hot spring style) would be great during the winter (and don't need to drive far as edmontonians) can be located next to Kinsmen Bld along the west wall and west parking on the front. :-) I.Ts.	4			postcard
169		German Christmas market at churchill Square	3			postcard
170		snowboarding!!	2			postcard
171		Nothing, you already Have nice and beautiful Receptionists.	8			postcard
172		Old fashioned games at Fort Edmtn Park - like Broomball - ... a "Legacy" element, every year (same!) like a big slide structure (Quebec); an ice castle (St. Boniface); in the right location; a strong location; dependable location. Candy Cane Lane is great ... ad hoc event	2			postcard
173		PLEASE!!!! Allow dog sledding! [drew a picture of a sled dog]	4			postcard
174		huge ski mountian, skating rink, snow festivile, snow man making contest	5			postcard
175		- Ski Hill on square - slay rides - maze - hay bales/fires - out door movies	2	4		postcard
176		- Biggest snow ball contest - A hot chocolate stand - Funding schools for winter perades - Pjs for the Poor - Winter fashion show	2	4	5	postcard
177		Ice slide. Ice skulptures. Snow fort contests.	5	3	8	postcard
178		- more winter festivals - sighns of fun to welcome you in - carige rides - skiing activities - ice playgornd - ice hotel - fire pits and benches - a snow valley	4	5	2	postcard
179		- activities - Ice Play ground - Ice Playground - ice sides - fesivals - free hot cocoa on sidewalks - rinks (skatting) - performers	5	4	2	postcard
180		ice Park. quaitiy of Life. Winter wonderLand	3	2	4	postcard
181		- ice slide - more winter festivals - Snowman contest - Friday off to enjoy winter - carrage rides	4	8		postcard
182		huge Ice slide. Ice sculptures, a very big Festiville.	4	5		postcard
183		Try movies on the Square! Those are great in Summer. Thanks	5			postcard
184		- Bring more winter activities to South west Edmonton. A lot of activities are located centrally. We loved the Snow Valley Baba-yoga walk that was Part of the Winterlight Festival for a couple of years.	5	6		postcard
185		a larger downtown market ... maybe more encouragement from the City.	3	4		postcard
186		Outdoor festivals where you must move around which would help people stay warm. Watching concerts or movies get real cold real quick.	5			postcard
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188		I live off Mill creek Ravine which is awesome walking trail. If you only plow 1/2 the width in winter & pack the other half you could XC Ski it too. Also, more areas like sports fields could be groomed & packed for XC Skiing. I would like to see an area & can take my dog skidoing. groomed trails do not allow dogs.	2	5		postcard
189		I have enjoyed the winter light activities over the last few years. I would like to see more activities and some centered throughout different communities instead of of at Churchhill Square or whyte avenue.	5	6		postcard
190		More pedestrian friendly streets with heated patios.	4			postcard
191		A huge ice fort for kids and adults.	6			postcard
192		there can be more ski hills	2			postcard
193		- good tobaggan hills in the River Valley with good public transportation to get there.	2	7		postcard
194		- ice slide - more winter festivals - indoor festivals - winter artwork in City hall - Horse & sled rides - firepits - downtown tobogan hills	4	5		postcard
195		- Toboganing hills - Ice slides - Ice Playground - Ice sculpture - skating - Ice Rinks - more cross country - More events in River valley - Ice hotel	4	5	1	postcard
196		HEATED [underlined] BUS STOPS THAT TELL YOU EXACTLY WHEN THE NEXT BUS IS COMING!	7			postcard
197		- ice Slide - beautiful bright lights and colors - snowman building contests - winter olympics for kids - longer winter break - ice sculpture - ice and snow museum - Christmas Movies playing outside	5	6	2	postcard
198		Winter can be a focus, chang the Attidue, can have a work [?] to get people's Atechune, winter is not our problem	8			postcard
199		- winter park - Hill - Slide - ice rink - ice scuppring - tobogening	6	2		postcard
200		Winter Park - ice sculpture - Slides - Hills - toboganing	2	6		postcard
201		- Hot choclate stand - PJ fo rthe poor - biggest snowball and snowmen contest - winter fashion show outside	3	5		postcard
202		- hot chocolate stand - a winter scavenger hunt and the prize ... - a sleigh ride	3	5		postcard
203		winte can be a focus, chag the Attidue. Do get people atesnune - winter is not our problem	8			postcard
204		hot choc stands, coffee stands, open fire pits - will bring people to a public place Bring it on!	3	4		postcard
205		Edmontonian Woman With a Warm Heart.	5			postcard
206		How about something like this from Europe - a ski hotel/warm up igloos in river valley [photo attached]	6	1		contest
207		We could build Canada's largest igloo.. It's easy to build but with the city's support we could build the largest igloo and if we have time get local artist to submit ice sculpted furniture and decorations!!	6			contest

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208	Street Hockey downtown - The recent Alberta Ave winter festival closed off the street for street hockey and was very successful. Could we close a portion of a downtown street that has no through access or could be closed with no real negative effect on traffic flow (e.g. portion of 102 Street N of Jasper, etc) for similar activities during the week? A week or two. Maybe even flood portions of it to get outdoor ice. There are 1000's of workers in the downtown, you only need a few to use it regularly, especially over the lunch hour to make a go of it. Provide nets, simple barriers	5	2		IdeaScale
209	Ice Bar festival - Allow and encourage an ice bar festival/week where bars can create an outdoor ice bar and have an outdoor patio area to enjoy the ice drinks on	5	3		IdeaScale
210	Red Bull Crashed Ice Race - I don't know the exact title, but i'd love to see the Red Bull Crashed Ice race here. It's currently operated in Quebec City, i believe, and it involves a downhill ice race course, with individuals competing against one another for time. We could start it at the top of the river valley, with the race concluding at river level. It draws huge crowds, is nationally/internationally marketed, and would be a huge draw!	2			IdeaScale
211	Outdoor Christmas market - A lot of European cities host outdoor Christmas markets in the winter with traditional Christmas foods, hand made gifts, communal areas (e.g. bonfires/ licensed venues) and entertainment/ activities. I think an Edmonton version of this in Churchill Square would provide a much needed kick off to celebrate winter outside and downtown in the heart of Edmonton at this time of year - even if just for the business lunch crowd. Submitted by snowmod 1 month ago	3			IdeaScale
212	River Valley Trail System - Create and groom cross country ski trails throughout the river valley for recreation and commuting. The trails can be anchored by 'warm up' shacks and open community fire pits. These warm up shacks can be fixed assets that also offer services in the summer (bike rentals, ice cream...)	1	2		IdeaScale

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213	Pedestrian Sidewalks, Heated Patios - Sidewalks & Public spaces - We need to pay more attention to creating inviting, public pedestrian streets and places downtown that are inviting, safe, and attractive for businesses and people. Generous sidewalks, attractive street elements, and attention paid to pedestrian crossings at intersections. Patios - Encourage restaurants and pubs to have patios year-round, including heat lamps and blankets for patrons. Allow mulled wine to be served by vendors in designated corners. In effect, putting more money in to the pedestrian street realm using good urban planning 'best practices' will go a long way to encouraging winter activity on the streets downtown!	7	4		IdeaScale
214	The mini muk luk - a winter aboriginal/ fur trade based outside event. Events could be things like: making a fire and boil some tea (a race) , snow shoe races, tall tales, round dance, orienteering, snow sculptures, snow soccer (Inuit used to play under the northern lights with a skin ball), snow angel comp....there is no end to the possibilities. It will bridge the urban aboriginal affairs committee with Edmontonians and build understanding!	5			IdeaScale
215	Curling rink on Centennial square - We should encourage tin can curling, or promote a curling bonspiel like the corporate challenge in order to create a more 'community' event in the downtown using the plaza behind the Library	2	5		IdeaScale
216	Neighbourhood Snowman Competition - Organize a city wide competition to see which neighbourhood has the best snow man art. One option is teams can compete locally one day and the best from each neighbourhood can compete for winter winner award. Another option is to expand the competition to other winter activities.	5			IdeaScale
217	Aboriginal / First Nations Festival - I've always thought that this city needs to properly celebrate its first nations heritage. My idea would see a large festival, a massive central teepee city, and presentations by indigenous thought leaders from around the World. Think TedX meets Heritage Days, housed in warmed but winter styled event facilities in Churchill Square, Fort Edmonton and the Rossdale lands. Include local educational aspects for school children, food and culture celebrations, and top it off with a large sponsored awards program, which recognizes successful aboriginal thought leaders, community leaders, entrepreneurs and artists. Let's give the urban aboriginal population a reason to be proud of Edmonton, and where they fit in our history. Let's show the World how we can celebrate diversity as part of the fabric of our city.	5			IdeaScale

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218	Winter Camping - Open up the campground near Snow Valley for winter camping. Teach winter camping classes and encourage people to experience sleeping outside in the winter.	2			IdeaScale
219	Downtown Winter Light Contest - Just like we do with our homes, have businesses and office towers compete by lighting up their entrances/street fronts for Dec/Jan. Not necessarily a Xmas theme or style, but perhaps in a more artistic or creative manner to help illuminate our darkest months	5	6		IdeaScale
220	Ice Hotel - If any city can do an ice hotel it is Edmonton. We are famous for our winters. This could be a tourist attraction and could coincide with other winter festivals and events.	4	5		IdeaScale
221	Winter Night Bike Ride - Host a winter bike ride that includes a friendly competition for the best lighting decoration of the bikes	2			IdeaScale
222	Hot Beverage Vendors along river valley trails - At certain spaced intervals along the most popular river valley trails, let vendors sell hot apple cider, hot chocolate, or other non alcoholic hot beverages to river valley hikers, walkers, snowshoers, cross country skiers, etc. I often hike in the river valley during the winter and have always wished I could get a hot drink to warm me up halfway through my hike instead of always having to bring my own beverage	3	1	2	IdeaScale
223	Skating Trail down the River Valley - I propose that we follow in Ottawa and Winnipeg's footsteps and build a large and long skating rink down the North Saskatchewan River. We don't need to try to break the world record but we could make a massive skating rink that thousands could enjoy. There could be live music, food vendors, and warm up shacks/change rooms along the way for those cold days	1	2	3	IdeaScale
224	IglooFest - Dance Party in your one-piece Ski Suit? Already hosted in Montreal - This should come to Edmonton. We have the promoters to do it and already attract big name DJs / Electronic Artists! IglooFest: "You are invited to the kingdom of the igloo where you are promised the best artists of the electronic scene, a unique and compelling architectural scenography, a hilarious contest snowsuit "one piece" and an electrifying atmosphere that will surely generate the hottest nights of winter!"	5			IdeaScale

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225	Edmontons New Neighbourhood Guidelines - The city is working on new neighbourhood guidelines. On pg 19 of the Winter City report it notes: "The City of Oslo acknowledges that planning for snow removal must happen as early as the road design phase; roads need to be designed to have somewhere for the snow to go without affecting traffic flow. One of the most effective ways to plan for this is to include boulevards between roadways and sidewalks." Edmonton's new neighbourhood guidelines should limit developer's use of cul de sacs and should get back to developing roadways with boulevards like in the mature neighbourhoods of Edmonton. For one, his would limit the impassable windrows left along and at the end of sidewalks. Making Edmonton more walkable year round begins with the infrastructure we have to work with.	4			IdeaScale
226	Winter Food Festival (seasonal, local food) - Challenge our great restaurants to create seasonal, local dishes/menus for a month a la Fork Festival	5	3		IdeaScale
227	Dog sledding in one of the river valley parks - I would love to have the opportunity to go dog sledding within the city as the only opportunities for this a far outside of the city. I'm sure many others would also love this opportunity as it may never be possible for them otherwise. I myself have had Siberian huskies which are amazing dogs to interact with and can teach people about working as a team	5			IdeaScale
228	Green Shacks - Instead of storing Green Shacks in the winter, make them available to small vendors to use in the River Valley or communities to use for their own winter ideas	1	4		IdeaScale
229	Winter Food Trucks - Summer food trucks are amazing, seasonal treats. It would be equally fabulous to have trucks kitted out with chili, hot chocolate, spicy ethnic wonders...	3			IdeaScale

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230	International Winter Light Video Projection Competition - Hold the world's first ever Winter International Video Mapping Competition in Downtown Edmonton. Check out this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wur5NMJNfc&feature=player_embedded . The idea would be to choose 5-6 blank-walled buildings downtown on an easy walking route whereby citizens and visitors could stroll during the winter evening / night, vote at heated hot chocolate / cider ice bar or patios, sample food-truck along the way, socialize, window shop and or attend other winter events running concurrently or later that night. International designers would compete under the common theme of winter. Corporate sponsors could donate buildings, labour, transportation, volunteers, etc. demonstrating goodwill and pride in our community. This event would be free and accessible to all Edmontonians, could be held over the course of several nights and publicize our city nationally, and internationally.	5	6		IdeaScale
231	Winter Tri Club - Promote winter fitness through outdoor winter triathalons. Ski, Skate, Snowshoe. Train and compete in Edmonton's river valley	2			IdeaScale
232	High Level Bridge Ice Climb - Lets build an ice climbing wall on the side of the High Level bridge allowing ice climbers the chance to climb the tallest city waterfall in the world (?). This would surely bring spectators and international attention	4	2		IdeaScale
233	Walkable Communities - We really need walkable communities in which people encounter one another - in summer and winter. It is very important to make sidewalk clearing a municipal responsibility. No matter how much rhetoric we have about "winter city," this policy of off-loading sidewalk safety onto individual property owners tells a louder and more telling truth. We don't care. I still think people should be encouraged to get out and clear away snow and ice, but the city needs an effective, prompt sidewalk safety program, and my snow shovel should not be considered effective in this respect. I suggest that we aim for no more than two to three weeks between November and April during which sidewalks cannot be safely used by people who have difficulty walking	7	4		IdeaScale

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234	Pocket Parks Downtown - Pocket Parks downtown that serve the local residential community are vital to the long-term success of any city. Making downtown livable for residents, especially families, means more public park spaces within walking distance of where you live. In a WinterCity, the park is a place to congregate or hang out on a sunny winter day, make a snow man, walk your dog, and enjoy the fresh air. Some pocket parks may even have spaces for small food vendors, or a small area to create a temporary skating rink. Most of all, it allows residents to be in a natural, green space that changes with the seasons. Winter is a time that we anticipate renewal in the spring - flowering trees, community garden space, green grass. In the meantime, put on a touque and make a snow angel!	4			IdeaScale
235	Climate Oriented Design Awards - I would encourage a significant award for buildings and developments that utilized the principles of climate oriented design in their final products	5			IdeaScale
236	Bike Share (like Bixi bike) but with studded tires for snow/ice! - It would be great to encourage winter bicycle commuting by having system of bike stations that one can rent/borrow bikes with studded tires for safe winter riding! This could also encourage biking in the river valley trail network too!	7			IdeaScale
237	Hockey tournament on the River - Put a weir in the north Sask river to allow it to freeze over and put on the largest outdoor hockey tournament in the world. As a bonus, the river would be available for family skating as well.	2	1		IdeaScale
238	Reliable/very frequent bus service - To encourage people to use public transit, particularly when it is cold outside, it would be brilliant to have "extra frequent" bus/LRT service. Buses every 5 mins. This would mitigate any time waiting outside in the frigid cold. More often than not, we have the opposite service [infrequent/unreliable] bus service in the winter	7			IdeaScale
239	River Valley Outdoor Centre - Bring back our Rlvery Valley Outdoor Centre (Old Donald Ross School) Encourage, program and make sure out river valley trails, rinks, programs are vibrant in the winter. Warm up places, hot chocolate, rentals. Promote as a tourist amenity.	1	2	4	IdeaScale

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240	Winter Gallery - Let's turn the sides of downtown buildings into the largest local Art Gallery ever. Using projectors, each building could become the gallery of one artist, and selected pieces of their work could be rotated gradually throughout every evening during the 'show.' Each building/gallery could be sponsored by a local business, possibly recovering most, if not all of the costs of the project. A three-person team of curator, graphic designer and technician could install and maintain the entire exhibit. Costs would be low and (as above) potentially recoverable. Given enough warning, artists could even be encouraged to develop art that is customized for their 'canvas.' This is a very affordable way to dress up our city at night, promote more foot traffic in winter evenings, and celebrate/promote local artists and businesses.	6			IdeaScale
241	Winter Driving 101 Course - Beneficial for new drivers, those new to Edmonton winters, and those just needing a refresher on winter driving, these courses would help keep our roads safer	7			IdeaScale
242	Policy to include winter in all renderings for capital projects - Too often when images or designs for capital projects like new buildings, roads, bridges, transit stations, etc., are shared, they do not include a winter scene. I'd love to see us require that all such projects include both summer and winter renderings!	4			IdeaScale
243	Yugikassen tournament - Put together a Yugikassen tournament (japanese snowball/dodgeball) in a prime location, perhaps Telus field. Have different divisions all the way up to professional/international	5	2		IdeaScale
244	indoor (third space) bus stops - partner with/provide tax breaks to private landowners/existing businesses to encourage development of 'thid space' bus stops. Cafes, bookstores, libraries.. - all can incorporate warm and safe places to wait for the bus!	7			IdeaScale
245	Pedestrian-friendly Core - Downtown Edmonton has some great walkable areas (like 104 St and Jasper) that are well-used in the summer. I think it would be great to designate some of these areas as pedestrian only, and encourage walking traffic by installing heaters and awnings to trap the heat. The more we cater to pedestrians, the more vibrant our street life - and local economy - becomes. Imagine having a coffee on a heated patio at Credo year-round, or just enjoying a warmed-up stroll along Jasper Ave on a crisp winter night. By taking the bite out of the cold, the increased pedestrian traffic would help to make our city streets safer and encourage more support of our local businesses	7			IdeaScale

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246	Ice Thickness Communication - This is a quick and simple idea. I'm told that the ice thickness is monitored daily on storm water lakes in the city, though that gets a little bit hard to believe when they have unknown ice thickness sign up even after a week of -30c. Create a website where people can go to check the current ice thickness at their local storm water lakes, and the date it was last updated, similar to how the city already has for the outdoor rinks around the city.	8			IdeaScale
247	Festive Lighting - Let's face it - it gets dark here so freaking early! The Leg extended its holiday lighting this year, which was great. I'd like to see more festive lighting around the city from Nov-Feb (not just Christmas lighting), say perhaps some strands of white lights, around the pathways of river valley parks like Ezio Faraone Park, or the High Level Bridge, River Valley Road, to name a few areas, and other high-traffic pedestrian areas. Let's brighten up the magic of winter	5	6		IdeaScale
248	All-Season Landscaping - Prairie grasses of all kinds flourish naturally in our region and more importantly, stick out from under the snow. Let's landscape with them instead of perennial flowers that require way more maintenance and can only be enjoyed for part of the year. Imagine tufts of long wheat-coloured prairie grasses poking up from the snow next to benches and around City buildings.	4			IdeaScale
249	Snowshoe Treasure Hunt - Geocache in the river valley. Explore the river valley on snow shoe and find hidden treasures. This could be self organized or a formal event	5			IdeaScale
250	Mulled wine without fences - One of the best feelings in the winter is having a nice warm beverage in hand as you walk about the city. Bring mulled wine to our outdoor events, without having to be corralled into a "beer garden" standing still while you sip your drink!	3			IdeaScale
251	Outdoor Festival of Trees - Bring the Festival of Trees concept outside and challenge artists, sponsored by companies, to create beautiful, decorated trees outdoors.	5			IdeaScale
252	Winter Zoo Fest - a lot of people do not even know the zoo is open in the winter. advertise the zoo and what is there, have sleigh rides past the attractions, ice skating, snow man contests, ice sculpture contests, free hot chocolate with your admission ticket. information booths for skiing and snow boarding (perhaps offer lessons) to draw in the younger people	5	2		IdeaScale

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253		Festival du Voyageur - Edmonton may be the Festival City, but Winnipeg is the place to be every February for the worlds largest kitchen party. There's no need to reinvent the wheel, the Festival du Voyageur has been embracing winter for over 40 years. As an elementary student in Winnipeg's east end, I experienced my first dog sled ride, downed a bowl of pea soup, and made my own ceinture fléchée to show off at home. Check out their site: http://festivalvoyageur.mb.ca/ Edmonton may not have the same strength of connection to the voyageurs as Winnipeg, but the fur trade certainly did reach us, and was a key factor in this area's history	5			IdeaScale
254		Pedways - The fact that the recent LRT station at Southgate does not connect to the mall is ridiculous, given our climate. Similarly, new construction downtown should always include ways to link buildings. I'd love to see an intricate network of above-ground pedways like Calgary's +15 or Minneapolis, MN's. Anyone who says pedways are not pedestrian-friendly has never actually walked outdoors in the winter. I actually walk-about more (and shop more) when I'm connected by an indoor route	7			IdeaScale
255		Outdoor Ice! - There is no better Canadian expirence then outdoor skating rinks. Whether for a quick game of shinny, recreational fun, or to teach the younger generation how to skate, outdoor ice makes any winter day special. There is currently no outdoor skating rinks between the area of 97st and Manning Drive north of 153ave. This area serves a large popualtion of young families. We should use this classic Canadian passtime to make Edmonton a awesome winter city!	2			IdeaScale
256		Transit - Heaters at popular bus stops that have power when it drops below x degrees, with button to turn on for heat for x number of minutes	7			IdeaScale
257		Hockey in Churchill Square - Build an outdoor, community rink in Churchill Square	2	4		IdeaScale
258		International Ice Music Festival - Edmonton should celebrate music influenced by, and made from Winter. Acts could include everything from indigenou music from Canadian aboriginals in the territories, international acts from places like Russia and Iceland and, my fave, performances on instruments made from ice. See link for utter awesomeness: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cHtfNUQYal&feature=player_embedded	5			IdeaScale

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259	Polar Bear Swim - Several cities host polar bear swims/ plunges, etc... where participants showcase their love of winter (and their bravery) by plunging into icy cold water in as little or as much clothing as they dare. I think Edmonton would draw a courageous crowd if we held this in front of City Hall (once the temperatures return to zero)	2			IdeaScale
260	Make our Relationship with Winter a Health Issue - Make our relationship with winter into a health issue. Emotional health, mental health, physical health. I suggest people check out the blog "Dr Sharma's Obesity Notes." This blog is an Edmonton resource, and today's (January 24) post concerns recreation areas and obesity. Match this particular physiological issue with injuries from falling, and it is easy to begin to see that our unwillingness live well with winter is costing us money because of health care costs.	2			IdeaScale
261	Dog Sled Races - To use some of the park areas for learning more about dog sled racing	5			IdeaScale
262	Ski Doo Racing or Quad Ice Racing - We are a racing community - work with the various clubs to bring racing out in the winter as well	5			IdeaScale
263	Northern Lights Childrens' Story Pods - One of the great things about living up north is the magic of northern lights. One idea could be to create a small canvas dome low to the ground (maybe 8-10 feet high) ringed by a small snow / ice wall with entrance/exit. Inside the cavas igloo, there could be space for about 20-30 children to sit/lie down on padded mats to watch a series of northern lights stories, learn about other cultures, and warm up via small space heater. Stories could be projected onto the outside of the canvas roof. Multiple story pods could be sprinkled along / in the river valley with other complimentary winter events, programs, facilities	1	8		IdeaScale
264	more Cross Country ski trails - How about encouraging the use of all the idle golf courses in the winter by setting cross country ski tracks on them? This would definitely encourage skiers of all ages to get out and enjoy winter more. These are gently rolling areas which make skiing much safer for novice skiers, or older more fragile individuals	2			IdeaScale
265	Heated Louise McKinney Park - Add heaters and additional lighting along the walkway on the north side of the river in Louise McKinney Park. Repurpose the segway rental store into a bar/cafe (for the winter).	4	6		IdeaScale
266	Host World's Largest Snowball Fight - Similar to the U of A's recent world record breaking dodgeball game I think Edmonton could take the title for largest ever snowball fight!	2	5		IdeaScale

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267		Outdoor ICE Museum a la Madame Tussaud - I'm thinking local celebs!	6			IdeaScale
268		Ice Slides and Ice Skating - Set up ice slides of different widths and sizes. Some can be big enough for an entire family to go down and others can be singles. Similar to the ones that are in the famous Bal de Neige (Winterlude) in Ottawa/Gatineau or Carnival in Quebec City. No problem with copying something that works!	2	6		IdeaScale
269		Winter Park - Designate Hawrelak a winter park that becomes the hub for all the outdoor activities and leads into trail system. Build family-friendly toboggan runs off the hills leading into the park, offer dogsledding in parts of trails, hayrides, outdoor curling rinks, figure skating part of current skating rink and put up bleachers and dome and have skating shows ; nighttime lights; bonfires and activities and use amphitheatre area for entertainment and tents and food	2	5		IdeaScale
270		Lifestyle changes to enjoy Edmonton year-round! - Rather than hosting one or two events that only last a few days, I'd be more interested in making winter...all six months of it...more livable. Clean (safe) sidewalks, heated bus stops, well-lit sidewalks and trails. How great would regular farmer's markets be in winter and summer? It would be awesome to see outdoor heated patios with blankets serving mulled wine. Why not run outdoor movies in Churchill Square during the winter months too? Let's take all the fabulousness of Edmonton summers, and modify them so they also work in winter! Then we don't have to count down the weeks until summer comes back.	5	4		IdeaScale
271		Winter Wear - I just bought a very good parka, but it was made in China. Good as it is, it is still missing a few things that I loved in the best parka I ever owned - two or three decades ago. That parka was made in Canada. What about encouraging companies to locate quality winter clothing manufacture in Edmonton, and including a community outreach and community input part of that. We need affordable winter clothing that allows us to walk comfortably in very, very cold weather. If the sidewalks are safe and clear, then everyone should be able to get outdoors and walk	3			IdeaScale

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272	Fashionable Slogan Contest - Changing attitudes must first start within and takes time. If we inspire the youth of today in developing a personal sense of pride in our winter (versus something we must overcome), we can help shape the parents and leaders of tomorrow and future activities. Something as simple as creating some memorable tag lines that could be printed and re-sold on tee-shirts (similar to the "We are Canadian" campaign) can be infectious. Instead of making the cold a negative stigma that we are trying to distance ourselves away from, let's celebrate it as a badge of honour. A contest could be set-up for individuals to come up with memorable slogans (something like "Edmonton - largest northern city in the World, -40°C and we love it) that individuals would be proud to wear	5	3		IdeaScale
273	Walking in the stars - Highlight the fun and magic of walking on fresh snow sparkling with night lights.	2	6		IdeaScale
274	Snow Tube Park - The City should build a snow tube park in the River Valley. Ski resorts like Whistler and Sun Peaks have constructed chutes/runs with snow barriers varying from beginner runs to expert	2			IdeaScale
275	River Valley Parks - I agree with a previous suggestion as to grooming paths along the River Valley for cross-country skiing. It would be nice to also have one paved path along each side of the river cleared properly of snow and ice so those who wish to run or who are not into winter sports (by choice of because of health conditions) can walk or run. (And maybe places for snowshoers?) Having these options would help more people enjoy the outdoors in the winter and keep active and fit.	1	2	4	IdeaScale
276	Warm Kids Program - On cold days, single parents pushing strollers is very unexeptable. Starting a program where free rides would be given to grocery shop, daycare, school, etc for parents who do not have the means to commute with there young children. seeing that there are only a few weeks worth of exteamely cold days in Edmonton im sure this program could and would be very succesful. Edmonton is a warm and welcoming city. this would only inhance the cities reputation and bring a more carring and compassionate feel to the people	7			IdeaScale
277	Sliding Competition - Bring your GT's, toboggans, tubes and all other types of sliding equipment. Freestyle event for those daring few but a speed and distance race for all the rest. Enter by age category. Provide seating for viewing pleasure and a place to rest in between races. Mill Woods would be a great place to host such an event	5	2		IdeaScale
278	snowmobile park in the city - all we'd need is open field, some hills, maybe in the river valley... [there was a negative comment to this one]	5			IdeaScale

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279		Snow Graffiti - lets think of cool ways to decorate the snow...	6			IdeaScale
280		Heritage Curling Classic - Having a funspiel of Provincial/Canadian Curling Champs at the oldest curling club in Edmonton, The Granite Curling Club Established in 1920 and on its original site. It would be perfect with the Brier being at Rexall in 2013	2	5		IdeaScale
281		Snowshoecity - market unplowed areas beside sidewalks as snow shoe routes	7	2		IdeaScale
282		Dressing for winter - I love winter, but I also know how to dress for it. I suggest a public education campaign about how to stay warm. It is also possible to remain stylish while doing so, and it is not essential to spend a fortune either. Dressing properly is the key to enjoying winter safely.	3			IdeaScale
283		Surprise Wedding Receptions in Churchill Square - Surprise YEG Winter City wedding receptions in Churchill Square for random couples? NY City does it! A random couple married in a civil ceremony is spontaneously asked to share the warmth and join a surprise wedding reception set up in the square near city hall. In N.Y.C., this is supported by the Mayor's Office and Improv Everywhere: see: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IVS22y4uoU&feature=player_embedded A simple shelter in the square, such as a Metropolis pavilion, could be used to protect the couple, their family and friends, along with the local improv group and reception participants from the elements (the City Hall Foyer would be back-up locale). No matter the weather, this event could occur once or twice per month all winter long. Share the warmth of spontaneous giving & sharing in our Winter City!	5			IdeaScale

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284	<p>Hi Ben I think your request for feedback on this issue is great. I have been involved in both Winter Light and this year's Metropolis. It seems like everyone is trying to help Edmonton have a fun and active winter and running into all sorts of problems in doing so. I really think you need to begin with the architecture and the zoning. Little things like: is there a non Starbucks coffee shop or small restaurant in my community (no) in the next one that I could maybe bike to in the summer? (yes) that I could send my 10 and 12 year old alone on bikes to ? (no because they need to cross 2 major roads to do so) . Small problems like this occur all the time in Edmonton. where can people go shopping near their home? Is it a 10 minute walk or a 10 minute drive? I used to live in Japan and every old district in Tokyo has a shotengai- a shopping street. There you will find your community regulars, mothers, the elderly and others who can't drive or take transit easily. It bonds people. So a lot of what Edmonton lacks is only amplified or made impossible by winter, but is still lacking in summer. As long as city planning highlights transportation (vehicle) networks over</p>	5	7	3	email
285	<p>Design our city with whiteways/greenways - Design new neighbourhoods and retrofit older neighbourhoods as much as possible, with green-ways which become white-ways in the winter. These would be non-motorized transportation corridors in the summer and winter. In winter, snow covered routes could be used for skiing and kick sledding (using upright sleds which elders and parents with small children use in Finland) for ease of mobility in the winter. Having convenient, aesthetic non-motorized routes would encourage people to be more active for recreation and destination trips.</p>	4	7		IdeaScale
286	<p>transit - make transit free on the coldest days of the year (almost like a celebration when the temperature drops below a certain number... below 25C maybe?)</p>	7			IdeaScale
287	<p>Winter clothing - A major barrier to enjoying winter is the cost of proper clothing. A good parka and proper winter boots that are actually comfortable to -30 can set you back hundreds of dollars. Maybe make them accessible with rentals/loans for special events? The reverse coat check! The winter tux!</p>	3			IdeaScale
288	<p>Indoor Offleash Dog Park - I want a place where I can thoroughly exercise my dog on the coldest of winter day</p>	8			IdeaScale
289	<p>North by Northwest - Alternative music festival catering to up and coming, as well as established alternative music [duplicate: also posted under Winter Cities category]</p>	5			IdeaScale

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290	Winter Free Admission Day - Much like the free admission day in the summer the city could open the Zoo, Fort Edmonton, John Janzen, etc to the public for fun winter activities. Winter animals at the zoo, sleigh rides and snowmen at the Fort, snowshoeing and animal tracks at John Janzen. Live music at Hawrelack park for ice skating. Even working with Snow Valley to run free that day and encouraging community leagues to offer up the rinks to non-members	5	2		IdeaScale
291	Snowshoe Tours of Parks - Guided tours of the Leg grounds, River Valley, and all our great city parks in showshoes. Could be hosted by John Janzen Nature Centre or private company.	2	1		IdeaScale
292	wintergear - hold a weekend event that showcases the best quality outdoor gear, has seminars on dressing for outdoor sports, etc.	3			IdeaScale
293	Winter Festival!!!! The City of Festivals needs a big one during winter	5			IdeaScale
294	ice climbing - Build a tower, coat it with ice, rent climbing gear, train people, hold competitions - Churchill Square? University? Kinsmen?	2			IdeaScale
295	I really think we should have more live food/music culture in Edmonton, outside.The Edmonton Folk Fest proves that locals here love the concept of some good music and food outside. I think we shouldn't lose our festival culture because of some snow. People don't stop working because of the snow, so who's to say that they won't do the same in the cold winter? I think because we don't give locals the option of doing things outdoors that does not include snow sports (which is great), we tend to stay home for the most part. I think an inexpensive way to get people together and outside and enjoying themselves from Dec-June is creating outdoor food and music canopies. I travel every winter and go to even colder cities (yes, call me crazy), but I find that people are enjoying themselves just as much may it be drinking mulled wine from little stand or pasties (I'm sure we can be creative and have perogies/pretzels) while listening to either buskers or paid musicians. I've also experienced outdoor screens for old films. I think Churchill Sq. would be an amazing spot for something like that. I think art and food culture is of common interest to	5	3	6	contest

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296	My idea for transforming Edmonton into a better winter city is to create a skating rink on Whitemud Creek. I would like to see the rink start at Fox Drive and continue south to at least 23rd Avenue. I believe this is doable as there is little water flow in the Creek during the winter. The rink would allow the people of Edmonton to enjoy a skating experience similar to that at the forks in Winnipeg or the Rideau Canal in Ottawa. I also think the cost would be minimal as the city must already possess the necessary equipment to flood the Creek. Thank you for the consideration of my idea.	2	4		contest
297	What would make me fall in love with winter in Edmonton? Lights, lights, and more lights. Twinkly lights on boulevard trees, park trees, lit snowflakes on street posts, and anywhere they could be put up. Well lighted trails and streets for strolling and walking to encourage those to get outdoors even if it is dark out. Light shows in parks and open areas with picnics and weiner roasts. Light shows combined with music!! There are some parts of the city that are nicely lit and when you enter them you just can't help but smile. With all the darkness we must endure during our long winters, it would be nice to showcase the light in our lives for the whole season. The Day the lights get turned on can be made into a special event...tons of ideas would evolve and take off. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my response.	6			contest
298	We should have a giant "EDMONTON" community NEON skating PARTY!!!! All skating venues, black lights and MUSIC!!!	5	6		contest
299	I submitted the following to the winter city strategy website: Ice Rink Bridge across the North Saskatchewan. I would like to propose a new pedestrian bridge across the North Saskatchewan river between the High Level bridge and the Walterdale bridge. This would be an ice rink bridge in winter with amenities such as cafes on either side. In the summer it could be used for family/sporting activities/festivals etc. Funding for this bridge would in part come from sponsorship for naming rights of the bridge.	4	2		contest
300	Contest idea get the people involved through social media. We could ... have all people submitting snowmen and snow forts in a city wide competetion for the best and most creative and get the families out active togetherand even have businesses enter !	5			contest

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301	<p>Here are my ideas to make Edmonton a better winter city:* An outdoor winter market in Churchill Square once a month--with not just food vendors, but musicians, ice sculptures, horse & wagon rides, a bonfire, maple syrup troughs as of February or so, and skating in front of city hall. And it all has to be outdoors (rather than those horrible, tasteless white tents that were put up this year). * More cross-country ski trails in the city. * Winter exhibits at the AGA, like the one currently on in Enterprise Square. * Support for the Storm Series snowshoe evenings (I went to one and it was so much fun!).</p>	3	2	6	contest
302	<p>Put temporary plexi-glass structures over certain sidewalks so that walking and biking are easily possible all winter long. Remove them in the springtime. Also, install "boardwalks" (made from recycled lifetime-lasting plastic decking boards) 6 or so inches above the cement sidewalks. They would have small spaces between boards for rain and snow to fall through. They could be swept instead of requiring shoveling. They could be designed to fit together by sections so that people could purchase (or rent) however much they needed. The "end" of the sidewalk could be sloped pieces except where two neighbours have both decided to have the boardwalk. Theirs would just "snap" together. If one house has it but the next house doesn't, it would just end with a "slope" to the non-board-walked property. Wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, canes etc would be successful in using these walks no matter the conditions. No more ice patches to handle! This could work if people gave it a chance.</p>	4	7		contest

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303	<p>Good morning, I would like some information on the bylaw covering snow on sidewalks. I am in a wheelchair, living by the U of A, and it seems like I have problems with snow on sidewalks every year, and more than once I have had issues with Bylaw not taking my complaint. As I understand it, Bylaw will not take complaints until 48 hours after the last snowfall. My problem is this: this rule set by Bylaw seems to be in effect even if there was only a light dusting of snow. This means for me that even if there was already several inches of snow on a sidewalk, as long as it snowed even a millimetre, Bylaw will not do anything about it. This morning I was wheeling to work down 87 avenue toward 109 street, past University of Alberta Graduate Residence and the next block, which is houses and a single low-rise apartment building. Along these two blocks, I fell twice. The first was in front of Graduate Residence and fortunately 2 city workers rushed to help me. I could see from the tracks that a snowplow had been run down the sidewalk, but the snow was not removed. There is perhaps 4-5 inches of snow with gravel on top of it. My front wheels dug into this soft snow and sent me and my laptop flying. I called Graduate</p>	7			email
304	<p>Would love to see a 5-10 year program to progressively create (& maintain) cross-country ski trails next to or near the existing walking / biking trails throughout the city.</p>	2			contest
305	<p>I would like to see the City of Edmonton provide funds to purchase snow making equipment for Goldbar Park. This park is used extensively for both recreational skiing and for training by competitors. There is often not enough snow during the winters to provide for a good ski season. It would like to see the purchase and operation of snow making equipment to provide a much longer ski season to keep this activity going for as long as possible each winter</p>	7	2		contest

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306	<p>Here are some ideas for celebrating winter in Edmonton. 1. A social media campaign (blog, Facebook, Twitter) of Edmontonians (of different demographics - student, young professional, families, etc.) experiencing local activities throughout the winter. For example, attending festivals (Metropolis, Lights at the Legislature, Winter Light, Deep Freeze, Ice on Whyte), checking out city facilities (outdoor rinks, Snow Shacks), participating in/attending winter sports & events (hockey, curling, tobogganing, Silver Skate Festival, The Birkie), going to places that are typically 'summer' activities (the zoo, Devonian Gardens, High Level Bridge Street Car), checking out new activities and events (City Hall winter farmer's market, Fork Fest, Downtown Dining Week, Dish Crawl, ETS Christmas lights tour), going to awesome indoor events (Edmonton Oilers/Oil Kings/Rush, Improv at the Varscona, ESO, local & professional theatre), etc. Can also use this as an opportunity to highlight local stores for Christmas shopping ideas, volunteer opportunities, etc. 2. Corporate Challenge Winter Edition (or similar competition with another demographic) - with competitive events like curling & hockey</p>	3	5	6	contest
307	<p>Hi, I have an idea of how we could make Edmonton into a Winter Wonderland City. I would hold a week or even a long weekend winter carnival every February or early March with daily events. Perhaps some of the events can be held downtown town Edmonton and some all over the city. You would have an ice rink, carnival rides, horse carriage or hay rides. Sledding. Events for families to participate in. Winter contest such as snowshoe racing, log cutting, nail hammering, tea boiling, piggy back races, push me pull me competitions... winter events people can participate in. You would hold friendly hockey tournament. Hot chocolate, hot dogs, and maple syrup sticks. At the end of the carnival you could hold a family gathering with firecrackers or talent shows.</p>	5	2	3	contest
308	<p>How about a Snowshack program? The same idea as the Greenshack program but takes place in the winter. Obviously needs to be a warm shack.... :) I believe improving community skating shacks would be a step in the right direction. Make the community skating shacks more comfortable for parents and grandparents that just want to watch their children/grandchildren skate. For example a comfortable seating/eating/reading area with windows with a view of the rink would be great; someplace where caregivers can watch but still be comfortable and warm if that's what they want to do. This also has the benefit of encouraging community members to meet and get to know each other</p>	2	4		contest

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309	How about a Mobile Winter Fun Crew? Deck out a motorhome, fill it with equipment, hire some university students with a physical activity background and have them travel to different neighborhoods during the winter season to play winter games with the community kids. The idea being to promote outdoor winter activity with children whether it be snowman building, snow soccer or sled races... the Winter Fun Crew could be quite creative I'm sure as many typical summer games can be adapted for winter. Community children would get to know each other and would be active - enjoying the outdoors	2			contest
310	BEST IDEA: "THE PICTURES REFLECT THE CITY" SO ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS OF EDMONTON TO TAKE PICTURES EVERY WINTER YEAR WITH FAMILY AND FRIEND'S , GET TOGETHER'S OR SOCIAL COMMUNITY WORK AND UPLOAD SOAS TO SPREAD THE WORLD TO SHOW HOW THE CITY ENJOY THE COOL..... SEASON. (A REWARD PROGRAM FOR UPLOADING ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE)	6			contest
311	The idea of making edmonton the best winter city is: "MAKING WINTER MORE FUN" by: 1) City residents to be encouraged to have more fun with family, kids , friends and community 2) Special Winter Games for adults and kids 3) Enjoy cleanup, social work and a cup of hot beverages 4) More importance and attention to seniors/old/elders by providing thermal heat pads, shoes or socks to enjoy outdoors 5) Special post card invitations to friends in other cities to visit especially during winter and reward for visitors and sponsors 6) Special bus passes, bus promotion for winter to look around the city 7) More depots providing winter clothings, shoes and related accessories for free 8) Winter fashion dress contests in every community-every week / bi-weekly 9) Special visitor visas - quick and fast approvals - to reach their families 10) More pictures uploading, publishing ,spreading news all the world draws detailed attention. 1) Special website for voting -VOTE FOR EDMONTON :THE BEST WINTER CITY IN THE WORLD.	5	7	2	contest
312	I hav e attached a few of my winter paintings which are Edmonton in winter.If you would care to see more pls email me I have enough of these paintings for a show. Could be used as postcards	6			contest
313	Heated roads thru out the city to melt all the snow	7			contest

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314	I think to make Edmonton more of a top leading winter city....would be to incorporate snowflakes and mini lights into the decorating...who doesn't like a snowflakes.. Also outdoor skating is so fun and brings families together....brings back some of the old childhood memories. Have one huge skating rink....with it decorated with mini lights and snowflakes everywhere...maybe have a coffee/hot choc bar...where people can go to gather...incorporate "Family Activities"... people thing we live in Eskimos...somehow we could fit that in too..lol...just a few ideas	6	2	3	contest
315	To make Edmonton a better winter city there should be more free family activites.I live outside the city and the cost of gas and cost to go to events for a family of five is getting pricy,I love the city of Edmonton for the Oilers and Eskimos,How about starting a winterfest called Eskimoville!	5			contest
316	Have a cross country skiing/snow shoe day....and a dog sled race.....	2	5		contest
317	invite the Red Bull Crashed Ice organizers to take a look at Groat Road. Take a look at opening up Telus Field for a SnowmobileX Event. Actively pursue more Choirs to hold events at the Ledge Grounds when it is decorated. Encourage an organization to create a Senior's Assistance Christmas Shopping charity for those in homes, or far from loved ones who need more than a taxi, they need someone to carry their bags etc.	2	5		contest
318	Hi. My idea... Alberta Ave has the Deep Freeze festival which is amazing! Why not do something like that in other communities throughout the city on weekends? It would showcase unique areas and likely increase business in those areas too!	5			contest
319	I am writing in about your Winter City Contest. I have always thought the River Valley to be such a beautiful area. Have you ever been to San Antonio? I have been a few times and the one main attraction there is the River Walk. With its cute little shops, cafés and boat rides, it's a really neat place to go! We could have something like that in the River Valley. In the summer, we could have boats doing mini tours and in the winter when the river is frozen, there could be skating and other activities. Take a peek at San Antonio's River Walk and see what you think! http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/	1	2		contest

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320	I think that to make Edmonton the world's leading winter city, is simple! We are already known for being Canada's Festival City. Why don't we use that to make our Winters more interesting? Having festivals every or almost every weekend during the winter (as we do in the summer), would make our city much more fun and fascinating. And it would give people something to do and look forward to on a weekly basis, to get passed those winter blues. Festivals don't always have to be outside - they can be inside, such as at Northlands or even maybe the Shaw Conference centre. Maybe even festivals related to winter sports, such as skiing or snowboarding. There are endless possibilities!	5			contest
321	In several European cities they have heated streets throughout the downtown core in Oslo, watch the Doc Zone story on this. They even talk about how the benefits cover the cost of the power used. http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/Shows/Doc_Zone/1242299559/ID=2195057838 I like the Hot Spots and outdoor winter Terraces that are used all year long. So we should look to Oslo for inspiration. Imagine a whole new Edmonton starting with the downtown arena, after a hockey game having a beer at an outdoor terrace, shoppers stopping by hot spots with no graders or shoveling needed.	7	3		contest
322	Edmonton Winter - Survive, Thrive and Come Alive! I think we should stop trying to be so happy-go-lucky and all inclusive with our winter ideas. We need to celebrate our ruggedness and our hardiness. This can be incorporated by promoting Edmonton as a place where we embrace a pioneer/aboriginal identity of surviving, thriving and enjoying a place covered in snow for 6-8 months a year. We need to play this up with more of an element on toughness and ruggedness. We can have a festival dedicated to learning winter survival techniques, we can have a polar bear swim, etc. We also should incorporate more of an old world mystic to our festival and to our city - maybe we borrow from Nordic festivals of light and fire! Or incorporate an almost winter fairy theme with beautiful and elegant (yet mysterious) costumes and decorations. All of this is of course built around creating a festival and a city people want to flock to. So with the element of toughness, we incorporate a softer side "come alive" that lets people unwind after getting frosty.	5	6		contest

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323	I think all the parks long the North Saskatchewan could use a face lift. There could be a winter festival in the parks lasting a week, with food stands, hot chocolate, apple cider. You could do a chili cook off contest with local restaurant chefs competing. A snow man building competition for kids. Because the parks all connect starting at Rundle Park would be best, and people can walk down the trail to the other parks. And a outdoor skating rink, with free skating would be great! Most of the time when we go to the park for a walk there isn't much going on there and they are just sitting there unused!	5	2		contest
324	Have horse drawn sleigh rides - ice sculpture done by local artists- (make a winter wonderland house)- Ferris wheel - snow mobile rides or races - ferry lights everywhere - ice palace skating type shows for free at Hawrelak Park- hot chocolate stands- warm up areas :)	5	2	3	contest
325	For the past three years, my brother and I have transformed our back yard into winter fun. We take pride on building our "ice slide". Every year it is different, depending on the amount of snow we receive. Enjoyment is had by all ages. We have a campfire going on the cold days, music, hot chocolate, ice caves, and the ice slide. Its also lit up in the evenings for continued amusement. Please take a moment to view our 1 minute video. Sorry I could not attach the clip to the email, the link will take you to YouTube. lilgr8grl	2			contest
326	A Winter Children's Festival would be WONDERFUL. St.Albert has an outstanding children's festival at the end of May/beginning of June. A similar festival with a winter theme specifically for children would be fantastic. There are many great performance spaces downtown (Citadel, Winspear, City Hall, Library, inside the mall, Art Gallery, the Shaw Conference centre ...) as well as Churchill Square for tent activities, an outdoor display (ice carvings?) or slides. I believe families would welcome this kind of event and embrace it like they have the St.Albert festival	5	2		contest
327	A Winter Jamboree! There are many music lovers in Edmonton and surrounding area that would welcome an indoor music festival in the dead of winter. Restaurants, hotels and clubs would all benefit. The event could be branded with a winter theme. This festival could be similar to Jazz City in that it would run at a variety of venues over the course of a couple days.	5	3		contest
328	My idea is the city should have a large toboggan/tube slide downtown!	2			contest

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329	Promote Edmonton with family-friendly activities: · Skiing · Tobogganing · Skating · Hockey · Ringette · Candy cane lane · Appealing to children and families will make the city more vibrant.	2			contest
330	Hello, I have lots of ideas to make one fall in love with Edmonton in winter. First of all I would like to say that the climate and the urban sprawl we have in Edmonton is a major obstacle in providing something viable for everyone. Many, many people do not like or have challenges venturing out in the cold or spending long periods of time in the cold. With that said, I would like to start with some observations that I have made. In a recent trip to the City Centre Mall this past winter, I was struck by how underutilized this area was. This indoor area has so many possibilities and I could not believe how desolate it was at that site. With all the condos going up in the area and the concentrated population we have a perfect environment to add wonderful fun things to do day and night. There are plenty of open areas, particularly in the corridors that could be set up as cafe's, interesting sitting areas to, "people watch, or listen to various musical talents or other performing artists. In places like the Empire theatre it would be wonderful to have different vendors showcase their wares, ie wine, cheese, breads, pastries, etc. For a small fee people could	4			contest
331	I think Edmonton should help out the homeless with a couple of new homeless shelters that take those that are under the influence like George Spady. This would not only help the homeless but keep them off the streets so they aren't drunk and stoned in public. This would also cut down on crime for those trying to get money for hotels and such	4			contest
332	"cold air picnics" Allow access to the city parks in winter to allow people to fire up the firepits, and enjoy cold air picnics. Families could participate in winter activities such as: bird-watching, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, walking, and other winter pursuits. It might be helpful to educate the public via the media outlets introducing these pursuits	2	4		contest
333	Attached is my submission for the Winter City Challenge. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. [Lindsay Lloyd attachment saved]	5			contest

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334	<p>Edmonton City of Winter Lights on Winter Nights Lights - lots of lights - would make me fall in love with Edmonton in winter. Think Candy Cane lane on steroids - Think celebrating the blues and greens of the auroral lights and making these colours the colours that represent this city in the form of lights in well used public recreation spaces. That these colours and the aurora become the emblem of this city. Lights along River Road, through the ravines that are walked in the winter, lights along the area below Louise McKinney Park and in Hawlerak Park. This would make people smile during winter. I was blown away with the crowds that turned up at Mill Creek (my home turf) for their winter extravaganza and many people were simply marveling at how the lighting made them feel. I also think having some kind of way to skate on the North Saskatchewan River (like they do for the long races in Holland) would also make me happy</p>	6			contest
335	<p>Bring on winter. My favorite season in Edmonton is winter. The first reason why I love it is you can snow board second reason is you can sled the last reason is you can build snow forts. The first reason is you can snow board. You can do flips. you can do 360's 720's 980's. You can go off jumps and do stunts. The second reason is you can sled. You can go off jumps. You can go really fast. You can race someone. The last reason is you can build snow forts. You can have any design on a snow fort. You can build igloos. You can food colour forts. It is warm in side a snow fort. Winter is the best season in Edmonton already because you can snow board, sled and build a snow fort. To make everyone fall in love with winter in Edmonton everyone needs to be able to do these things. We need free snow boarding, skiing, sledding and places to build snow forts.</p>	2			contest

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336	Good Day. My suggestion to make Edmonton a more attractive and beautiful city in the winter is to capitalize on a natural phenomenon to brighten our city. It is dark in Edmonton for most of the day in winter. We are a northern city and need to stop apolozing for it. Let's use our location and imagination to our advantage. People are fascinated by the Northern Lights. If Edmonton were to use energy efficient lights to mimic the colours of the Northern Lights our city could be transformed for both its citizens and visitors as a new attraction could potentially be created. I propose that lights be fixed to the top of bridges such as the High Level and the new Walterdale Bridge. More bridges could be added as money would permit. These lights could be set to radiate colourful lights similar to the Northern Lights. If money permits, the lights could be programmed to create different sequences and patterns that could be repeated over a certain time frame. I also suggest that similar lights be positioned at the highway entrances to the city. The lights could be clustered together near the signs that already welcome people to Edmonton or if	6			contest
337	I wish we had a festival that had old fashioned games and kind along the idea of the Bonhomme festival in Quebec	5			contest
338	Winter outdoor paintball course made of snow and ice for those crazy enough!	2			contest
339	A snow park like the Valcartier Snow park outside of Quebec city. A place where you can go snow tubing; lots of fun!!! Family friendly! Winter City attraction!	2			contest
340	An obstacle course made of snow and ice open to the public. Basically a snow and ice climbing/scramble structure for kids to play and slide on.	2			contest
341	An ice maze; kind of like a corn maze only made of ice. Both an adult version (tall walls) and a kid's version (mini walls).	2			contest
342	Community leagues need assistance organizing winter carnivals in their communities. I suggest creating winter boxes with materials and ideas that community leagues could sign out to help them organize a carnival. Boxes could include many different items such as: snowshoes, skis, tobaggans and ideas for winter games.	4			contest

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343	There are many island parks in Edmonton. When the snow is being cleared off the streets perhaps the operators could pile the snow in the parks and create mini-sliding areas for the children living in the area. Yes it might take a little longer but children would celebrate the snow, grab their sleds and be able to slide in their communities. Piling the snow in a creative fashion does not take very long (I've watched my father do it for years on the farm) and would get kids out of their houses and climbing/sliding - playing in the snow. Fosters community friendships!	2			contest
344	Illuminated ski trails for the cross country skiers. There are many trails that would get more use if they were lit up.	6	2		contest
345	Hello, I would like to make a couple of suggestions for Winter City. I was born in Harbin, China, the City of Ice. Harbin is a sister city of Edmonton, which shares the similar weather, especially during the winter season. Harbin has been hosting Ice Festival since 1980s, and it is famous for the spectacular ice sculptures. However, Harbin does not have much snow as Edmonton usually dose. Edmonton could set up Snow Festival in December and January. Fort Edmonton Park would be the perfect location since it is often closed during the winter season. Edmonton Zoo could be a part of festival, so is Hawrelak Park. The city could combine the Ice on Whyte, Silver Skater Festival and other winter festivals into one, Snow Festival. Edmonton is well-known for its volunteerism. It holds many world events over the years. I am sure once again there will be many wonderful volunteers helping out at Snow Festival.	5	6		contest
346	long distance skating route; people like to skate; why not a scenic long distance skating route possibly in a public park like Rundle or Hawrelak Park?	2			contest
347	Promote Nordic Winter Walking; market it as a fitness activity that can be enjoyed by all. Highlight "Nordic Winter Walking" routes across the city - evaluate them for level of difficulty, hills, scenery, etc. People will take to it.	2			contest
348	Winter snow caste at Churchill square	6			contest
349	A Christmas market in the Muttart greenhouses	3			contest
350	The lights on the AGT/Telus building downtown during the Christmas season are very special and create a sense of holiday and winter spirit. Challenge downtown buildings to light up their buildings in a similiar fashion during the holiday season	6			contest
351	Fort Edmonton Park is under used in the winter. More city events and programs should be held there during the winter. A theme could be developed surrounding "Life at the Fort in Winter.."	5			contest

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352		Marketing strategy - a thermometer with winter activities and numbers... For example instead of -10 you could have: -10 - skating at Hawrelak -15 sledding! -30 skating at local arena! People need ideas of what they can do in the winter - you could twin it with a "Get Off Your Couch" slogan! :)	8			contest
353		Marketing strategy: DID YOU KNOW? Tell people what sorts of winter activities already exist; make them aware and proud of all the winter things there are to do in Edmonton already. We assume people know what there is to do in the winter in Edmonton - not so! One person I spoke to didn't know about Victoria Park; another didn't know arenas have drop in skating times	8			contest
354		Crushed Ice Racing Festival! Exciting!	2			contest
355		Ice sculpture park	6			contest
356		Marketing strategy - Edmonton Toughen Up! Edmontonians love to complain about the cold weather to the point where it's ridiculous; many parents don't even let their children outside to play! A marketing campaign that encourages Edmonton to "Toughen Up" and embrace winter could have some impact. There is a funny (although rude...) Youtube video that encourages Australians to "Harden Up!" I think there is potential in this type of campaign; albeit a no swearing version.... you could encourage the "winter whiners" to get out and enjoy the season in a funny but pretty direct way. Here's the link - my apologizes for the swearing and the australian macho stuff - But I think the younger crowd will take to something similiar... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mh6pZQX22CQ	8			contest
357		Marketing Strategy - a custom QR code that gives Edmontonians information of what to do in the city in the winter or that links them to a page where there is a list of snow/winter activities	8	5		contest
358		City supported learn to cross country ski programs for children	2			contest
359		Snowboarding & Skiing	2			postcard
360		"Outdoor Nature" ice carving competition on Churchill Square. A display of local ice carving talent on Churchill Square is a great outdoor art exhibition to celebrate the winter season. With a theme of Winter Nature in the City it would encourage Edmontonians to strap on their snowshoes and take to the river valley trails to look for the wildlife that call Edmonton home. A brochure of winter wildlife watching would help to highlight spots of interest as the early nesting owls will be calling and there's lots of tracking skills can be learned to identify the activities of some of the more cryptic mammals.	5	6	2	IdeaScale

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361	Annual ski through the River Valley. Have an annual cross-country ski event through the river valey from Goldbar Park to say Whitemud Creek making use of existing ski trails where possible, then use walking & bike trails where no trails exist. The route would go via Riverside Golf Course, Kinsmen, Emily Murphy & Hawrelak Pk. This ski would not be a race but a chance for skiers of all abilities to enjoy the beauty of our riiver valley in winter. People do not have to do the entire distance of 20km or so but could start or join at Kinsmen centre making use of the cafe. FYI, the Edmonton Nordic Ski Club have for many years had such a ski between Xmas & New Year but it could be run any suitable weekend .	2	1		IdeaScale
362	Snow on Goldbar ski trails when there's no snow! Cross country ski is an healthy, inexpensive and easy sports for all ages. Edmonton has a great cross country ski community. However, last few years have been difficult for many due to lack of snow. It would be great if Goldbar has a snow making system that we can extend the ski season longer and consistent. There are already hundreds people using the trails at Goldbar, but lately it's been very disappointing. We don't have to have an expensive downhill ski slopes to enjoy our beautiful winter here. Simple snow making system that works with existing trails will definitely enhance our great community	2	7		IdeaScale
363	Colour, colour and more colour. The new design for the downtown area has come out. It may just be the format of the drawings but the building is grey and silver, just like the downtown art gallery. We are a winter city with white snow, grey roads/sidewalks and yellow/brown "grass" for more than a third of the year. Let's at least try to add colour to any new buildings/structures that go up. The contrast on a cold, clear winter day would be striking	6	4		IdeaScale
364	stagger events please! It's been a bit confusing trying to keep all the events straight. For instance, this January there was the ice festival and then Metropolis all at the same time. It makes more sense to do what we do in the summer by having one event after the other so that there are continual things to do throughout the winter and not a bunch of things only at one time	5			IdeaScale
365	North Saskatchewan Skating. Create a "Rideau Canal" style skating area along the North Saskatchewan. People can commute using this, as well as evening skating (light it up at night). Have food and hot beverage vendors there, as well as music. If you build it the community will love it. Ottawa is a great example of this.	2	6	3	IdeaScale

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366	Cross Country Skiing! We're a great winter city, so just wanted to write in support of the cross-country ski culture. With an internationally-acclaimed event like the Canadian Birkebeiner (the only Canadian one, and only one of a handful in the world!), Edmonton is in an enviable position to support cross country skiing. Here are some specific ideas: - Support the Birkebeiner Ski Festival as one of Edmonton's official winter festivals; - More support for kids/families who want to learn the sport; - Include planning for cross-country ski trails in new Edmonton communities; - Continue to support trail grooming in Edmonton parks, and include some more ravines in the grooming (e.g. groomed and protected trails in Mill Creek Ravine); - Snow-making at Goldbar (might be able to tie into treated wastewater re-use as snow-making).	2	5		IdeaScale
367	Giant Snow Maze. What if we dumped a bunch of snow into Commonwealth Stadium and made a giant snow maze? It could be a family attraction, something to bring people out of the house on warm (or cold) winter days and get some exercise! Plus it could be a way to utilize the snow that gets removed from our streets for something fun!	2			IdeaScale
368	Ice Rink Bridge across the North Saskatchewan. I would like to propose a new pedestrian bridge across the North Saskatchewan river between the High Level bridge and the Walterdale bridge. This would be an ice rink bridge in winter with amenities such as cafes on either side. In the summer it could be used for family/sporting activities/festivals etc. Funding for this bridge would in part come from sponsorship for naming rights of the bridge.	4	2	3	IdeaScale
369	Embrace Snow rather than make it dirty. We need to seriously reduce the sand and grit we put on our roads - I love Winter - but in the country not in the city where is dirty and a mess most of the year.	7	4		IdeaScale

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370	WinterCityIdeas. Edmonton's winter can be tough on anyone. All it takes is one week of forty below and most people are done. For those with wealth just take the next jet south. Vegas anyone? What Edmonton needs is a Wellness Park. Put the Muttart Conservatory, Europa from WEM, Bonnedoon Hot Tub, Sand's Motel from Hawaii, Wellness Medical System in a Blender and what you have is a smoothie. What you would call a spiritual booster juice. What people need is a place where they can have a time out. People get run down in their mind and they convince themselves the grass is greener some place else. We have a park system that is nothing but dead space unused 80 percent of the year because of the goal post tyranny. Got some park land? Put up a goal post and all you have to do is mow the grass. It keeps the city recreation cost low. Out of sight, out of mind. The irony is that it would be an income stream and it would cost very little to create.	2			IdeaScale
371	Adding colour to the winter landscape with murals. Every time I take the LRT over the North Sask. River, I think it sure would be lovely if the city would commission an artist to create colourful murals on the drab, grey concrete pillars of the High Level Bridge. Not too detailed, maybe slightly abstract. City commissioned murals could be incorporated into the city's percent for art program on new builds - a program originally spear-headed by Jan Reimer	4	6		IdeaScale
372	Light up the League. How about a program that provides free strings of LED white lights to interested community leagues to light up either their buildings or trees ? it adds such a festive look to community parks and buildings during low light conditions. it could be an event each league could champion to encourage volunteers in a community based beautification effort with a 'welcome to winter' message	6			IdeaScale
373	Outdoor Christmas markets like in Vienna, Prague, etc.	3			postcard
374	Lights twited up poles for winter.	6			postcard
375	Snowman on front lawns.	6			postcard
376	Ice sculptures as stret decorations.	6			postcard
377	Holiday lights on all commercial strips.	6			postcard
378	light up community competitions, parades.	6			postcard
379	Snowman building competitions.	5			postcard
380	Lights during the whole winter season.	6			postcard
381	Mitten-making workshops (knitting). More corners of "buskers" on 118 Ave. More marshmellow Roasts.	2	5		postcard
382	Project short films on outdoor screen/wall + have fire barrels. Prizes for best mits or hats.	2	5		postcard

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383	Outdoor temporary art installations + projections (and have a fun party to go with it! With drinks! And fires!) (+ dj's)	6	5		postcard
384	provide outdoor heaters for cafes.	4			postcard
385	More community engagement through Festival throughout the community leagues and a couple of flagship outdoor festival through the city.	5			postcard
386	Bring back the firepit to Hawrelak Park skating & put one at City Hall.	4			postcard
387	I want to have more winter festivals in Edmonton. I want to improve snow removal service. I want to more community based programs to be developed.	5	7	4	postcard
388	Removal of snow needs to be improved.	7	4		postcard
389	Have a Taste of Edmonton with a large group of restaurants and include ice-making sculptures in the event.	5	3		postcard
390	Can we learn from Norway? They have got quite amazing Winter Cities.	4			postcard
391	winter lights key downtown areas. Educating newcomers about winter. More winter events. Concerts. Festivals. Better snow removal system. Outdoor installations.	6	5		postcard
392	I want more colour around.	6			postcard
393	It would be great for our City to introduce a month of ice sculpture for the kids to enjoy in winter.	6			postcard
394	Institute a new way to have the heat from the house channeled into the ground towards the pavements so that when it snows, it heats right away. This is how it is done in EUROPE! It works.	7			postcard
395	Snow removal in a timely manner.	7			postcard
396	we need clean roads. No parking along main roads.	7			postcard
397	More light decorations and imagery pertaining to winter e.g. snowflakes, snowman, etc.	6			postcard
398	activities and lots of love & city things that'll bring the society together.	5			postcard
399	Skating on the river with ships on it.	2			postcard
400	If they extend the time on the bus transfers 1 half hour longer. 3 more Art in the Snow kind of festivals.	7			postcard
401	more indoor festivals with more of an urban approach and skate rentals at the City Hall.	5	2		postcard
402	public accessible bathrooms in the river valley & downtown to encourage outdoor activity.	3	4	2	postcard
403	Ongoing activities in Churchill S. free hot chocolate.	5	3		postcard
404	better response time for snow removal. Better care of public sidewalks. More free activities outside (such as snowshoe trecks in the rivervalley where equipment is provided. Some type of publication that lists sledding hills, outdoor rinks, open trails for snowshoeing & x-country skiing. a way to check on ETS delays, to avoid long waits in the cold.	7	2		postcard
405	The activities. The lights. The cultures they bring us.	6	5		postcard

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406	Free public swims at all facilities on the last Sunday/Sat? of every month or every 2nd month of winter. Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar.	2	4		postcard
407	showers in women's change room are scalding hot!	8			postcard
408	Ice City like the one in China each year.	6			postcard
409	Better urban design. Edmonton has terrible street scape. Does not feel like a city, like a big Grande-Praire.	4			postcard
410	Home school weekly swim drop-in ages 6-17 & Home school weekly weekday outdoor sports classes.	2			postcard
411	Make huge snow sculpters in all parks for anyone to Play on.	6			postcard
412	Urban design should incorporate Light, street access, wind protection.	6	4		postcard
413	Need to offer more events and fevtivals in quadrants of the city versus downtown.	5			postcard
414	Have services in the river valley .	3	4		postcard
415	Snow Sculptures Throughout the City.	6			postcard
416	Low cost family fun.	2	5		postcard
417	More community events.	5			postcard
418	Orientation to things you can learn to do in Edmonton in winter.	5	2		postcard
419	Snow festival.	5			postcard
420	Enforce clean sidewalks.	7	4		postcard
421	Hot chocolate trucks. With marshmallows	3			postcard
422	Historical artifacts from the AGA, AB Archives, and UofA Collections displayed in more public areas, as teasers for the collections and galleries at large (ie. Cool Stuff exhibition @ Enterprise Sq. Berkebeiner, Ice Carving, Metropolis, and other FEstivals and Events are a great Start! expanded winter garden facilities of the Muttart Conservatory ilk: accessible via downtown. festivals linking a walking friendly downtown, Whyte Ave, 124 St. Alleyways utilized as 4-season seating areas for cafes where possible. Thanks!	6	3		postcard
423	Outdoor Christmas Market in Churchill Square! Like they do in Barcelona.	3			postcard
424	Cheap parking in the downtown core.	4			postcard
425	Love events like Latitude's parka patio - do more of it.	5			postcard
426	Family Snowman building Competition (wo professional artists)	5			postcard
427	Sleigh rides in the river valley.	3	2		postcard
428	Winter Weekend Scavenger Hunt Collecting items from around the city (give out disposable camera's to each team) prizes for winners.	5			postcard
429	Monthly f[r]ee skate @ arenas.	2			postcard
430	Date night skating for couples.	2			postcard

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431	More Faster clean up & removal of snow. If the City would get off thiers lazy asses there would be fewer accidents, also get after these people with pets Dogs/cats, who do nto pick up the animal poo! Get to work! See no one from City when road are bad! No logic to you people.	7	4		postcard
432	MultiCultural Centre at a Notable area. To make Edmontonians aware of different cultures. Thanxs!	6			postcard
433	family skate nights @ Churchill.	2			postcard
434	More family gatherings. Snowshoe walks, Nature Discovery winter animals. Hot chocolate, Marshmellow Roasts, Storytime.	2	3		postcard
435	Carage rides all threw winter.	5			postcard
436	A get together where families can have a "sledding" festival.	5	2		postcard
437	Rio has "Carnival". Edmonton's (Free?) Winter Carnival at Hawrelak Park.	5			postcard
438	Sledding compitions.	2	5		postcard
439	Winter swap meets (skates, ski's, snowboards, etc.)	3			postcard
440	Snowshoe games (contests, games with snowshoes).	2	5		postcard
441	Road Hockey Tournaments.	5	2		postcard
442	A Late Night Skate "night" for couples/Families. "Served Hot chocolate would be nice"	2	3		postcard
443	Outdoor Markets (held only @ -20 and warmer)	3			postcard
444	A mini Edmonton "Olympics" family fun day.	2	5		postcard
445	More Winter Festivals	5			postcard
446	Hot chocolate w/marshmellows	3			postcard
447	Sleigh Rides	2			postcard
448	Ice Fishing	2			postcard
449	Bon fires @ Churchill Square	4			postcard
450	Cross Country Sking	2			postcard
451	More ice Sculptures	6			postcard
452	More Hockey rink's pleasesss	2			postcard
453	we need more sledding hills for children	2			postcard
454	Snow Angels	4			postcard
455	When the trees are frostey. I really love them, they're like a snow branches.	8			postcard
456	More and better bus shelters.	7			postcard
457	Have Commuty dances	2			postcard
458	Make many celebrations and shows in the winter time.	5			postcard
459	a lot of families with children, wish that there would be more festival's designed for them whether their outside in a park or in the mall's.	5			postcard
460	Snow cleared off streets and sidewalks. More outdoor activities.	7			postcard
461	Outside wiener roast	5			postcard
462	Best Snowman Contest	5			postcard
463	More free skating rinks for kids/familys	2			postcard

Idea Codes	
1	River Valley
2	Recreation/Sports
3	Services & Retail (food, clothing)
4	Placemaking (buildings, outdoor cafes, policies)
5	Festivals/Events
6	Public Art (ice sculptures, lighting, etc.)
7	Transportation
8	Other

Classify each idea with a maximum of 3 codes

1 River Valley

8	Could we possibly flood a portion of the river to make a skating rink and outdoor curling rink, that Edmontonians and those from the surrounding area could use? It would be so much fun!	1	2	4	contest
29	My idea isn't dramatic, but I believe will enable Edmontonians the chance to better utilize the activities that the city has already put in place. By having cross-country and snow-shoe rentals available at prime locations near or on the River Valley trails, residents who don't own this equipment, or residents who don't have their own vehicle to pick up rentals at retail outlets (such as MEC) will be better able to enjoy the paths and routes already set up by the city. This idea stems from a visit I made to Vancouver, where bike and rollerblade rentals are available from small seasonal huts that are set up on the Seawall. Because of the location of the rentals, tourist and residents alike are able to better enjoy activities on the Seawall. A skating trail in Rosedale. I heard about a great 2.5 km skating trail in Etobicoke (Toronto) - it is shaped like a figure 8. It looks like great fun, and I thought that a similar trail around the repurposed Rosedale plant would be fantastic	1	2	3	contest
46	being able to cross country ski to work -- thru the river valley!	1	2		IdeaScale
106	Ice skating on the river - if it ever is safe enough! Hike paths from one set of steps/bridges to another!	1	2		postcard
167	River Valley Trail System - Create and groom cross country ski trails throughout the river valley for recreation and commuting. The trails can be anchored by 'warm up' shacks and open community fire pits. These warm up shacks can be fixed assets that also offer services in the summer (bike rentals, ice cream...)	1	2		postcard
212	Skating Trail down the River Valley - I propose that we follow in Ottawa and Winnipeg's footsteps and build a large and long skating rink down the North Saskatchewan River. We don't need to try to break the world record but we could make a massive skating rink that thousands could enjoy. There could be live music, food vendors, and warm up shacks/change rooms along the way for those cold days	1	2		IdeaScale
223	Green Shacks - Instead of storing Green Shacks in the winter, make them available to small vendors to use in the River Valley or communities to use for their own winter ideas	1	2	3	IdeaScale
228	River Valley Outdoor Centre - Bring back our River Valley Outdoor Centre (Old Donald Ross School) Encourage, program and make sure our river valley trails, rinks, programs are vibrant in the winter. Warm up places, hot chocolate, rentals. Promote as a tourist amenity.	1	4		IdeaScale
239	Northern Lights Childrens' Story Pods - One of the great things about living up north is the magic of northern lights. One idea could be to create a small canvas dome low to the ground (maybe 8-10 feet high) ringed by a small snow / ice wall with entrance/exit. Inside the canvas igloo, there could be space for about 20-30 children to sit/lie down on padded mats to watch a series of northern lights stories, learn about other cultures, and warm up via small space heater. Stories could be projected onto the outside of the canvas roof. Multiple story pods could be sprinkled along / in the river valley with other complimentary winter events, programs, facilities	1	2	4	IdeaScale
263	River Valley Parks - I agree with a previous suggestion as to grooming paths along the River Valley for cross-country skiing. It would be nice to also have one paved path along each side of the river cleared properly of snow and ice so those who wish to run or who are not into winter sports (by choice or because of health conditions) can walk or run. (And maybe places for snowshoers?) Having these options would help more people enjoy the outdoors in the winter and keep active and fit.	1	8		IdeaScale
275	River Valley to be such a beautiful area. Have you ever been to San Antonio? I have been a few times and the one main attraction there is the River Walk. With its cute little shops, cafés and boat rides, it's a really neat place to go! We could have something like that in the River Valley. In the summer, we could have boats doing mini tours and in the winter when the river is frozen, there could be skating and other activities. Take a peek at San Antonio's River Walk and see what you think!	1	2	4	IdeaScale
319	http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/	1	2		contest

2 Recreation/Sports

1	463	Edmonton should submit to have the RED BULL crashed ice contest, and maybe build an ice hotel, just like Quebec city. The crashed ice contest would put EDMONTON on the map for this event	2	4	5	contest
4		We should change all of our sidewalks to skating rinks! The city should stop worrying about shoveling and sanding the sidewalks in winter, and instead spray them all with water early on in the season. We could call them Ice-walks. We could save money on the cost of shoveling and sanding, and our city would be much cleaner, too, making spring clean up a breeze! Furthermore, we'd cut back on all the hip fractures, because everybody would know to get on your bum and slide! The health benefits (and health care savings!) would be extraordinary! Now, we wouldn't want to put all of those city workers out of work, so instead they could go to work on mini-Zambonis to ensure our Icewalks are ship-shape! They could also develop slides from entry ways to give everyone a head start. It would be a great way to get to work every morning, and put a smile on a few more Edmontonian faces	2	7	4	contest
21		Please see my idea under Idea #17. Comments, add Edmonton to the small circuit of international Winter Triathlon events. (see contact with Pentathlon des Neiges, Quebec City)	2			contest
35		a friendly...competition btw downhill & cross country skiers, Figure skaters & Hockey players, toboggan & dog sleds, & snow vs. ice ice carvers. have snow fort - castle competitions made with plastic snow block molds, maybe have companies - teams & individuals raise money [to] determine how many blocks of snow you can use. Set it by the pyramids or snow valley, shine up bright lights & have fireworks. We are the City of Champions. lets call some out & have some profession skaters compete or against some skating clubs. Little champions & Big champions .. everyone is a winner in our winter ;) theme. snow flake metals & icicle trophies. Dog sleds run & have % earned towards charity... Toboggan hills & snow carving vs. ice carvers. Adult snow men vs. kids snow man competitions... a tent to cover the indoor ice arena for the figure skaters. have an ice show in the evening. we could do a call out to the clubs in the area. making of a snow/ice bar in the evening with ice tables & chairs with some local music... Muttart for HotChoc & Mulled Wine. If the wkend is the same as hockey tournaments have a few teams come & play.	2	5		contest
36		utilize bigger Parks such as Hawrelak and do all kinds of activities and sports events: such as snow shoe races, cross country ski races and games, etc	2			contest
39		I'm Dustin Stephenson. Ive lived here for my whole life. 26 years. I think we need an indoor skating track with hills curves etc. That would be awesome fun! Bigger the better of course.	2			contest
40		I suggest bringing in "Red Bull Crashed Ice" it's a combination of ice hockey and down hill skiing and border cross also featuring some former NHL players. They skate down a smaller version of a ski hill with curves and such. It is a race to finish. This would attract alot of spectators when the race is on and when the competition is over then local daredevils may try their skills. This could possibly help Edmonton to be noted as a Leading Winter City. Thank you.	2			contest
41		Our suggestion for making Edmonton a better winter city is to make a miniature Rideau Canal that would run 1 or so in the city centre - you could build a ditch along this canal and pump water from the river into this canal - than have kiosks set up on the canal. thank you.	2	4		contest
42		Hi, My idea for the Winter City Contest would be to get that Red Bull Crashed Ice here. How awesome would that be? Having skaters from all over the world racing down a track somewhere in the River Valley. That would upt Edmonton on the map. My SECOND IDEA would be maybe even haul in some dirt to Rabbit Hill and make the hills even bigger. You can put trees at the top to block out the farm land behind Rabbit Hill and have bigger and better ski and snow boarding type comps there. MY LAST IDEA is, stage an outdoor hockey game maybe? Either between Universities or Oilers or Oil kings? Have all 3 things going on at once would bring people in. Red Bull Crashed Ice would draw lots of people from North America and the world. A snow board & ski comp at Rabbit Hill could start a CAnadian Finals board&ski championship. Then have a outdoor hockey game playing another Canadian team or Canadian University to bring their fans here too. You can even have a bigger ice on whyte comp in Hawrelak Park?	2	4		contest
43		My idea for transforming Edmonton into a world-class winter city is as follows: More public events at skating rinks and toboggan hills. It would be great to se emore specialty nights with different types of music, or performers on hand to draw people to the hills. Even if we could dress up the hills with extra lights and artwork, that would be a great start. Also, there should be lights strung on the Walterdale Bridge over the wintertime, like they do with their similar bridge in Saskatoon.	2	5	6	contest

45	Much like Quebec city that holds the Red Bull Challenge for skaters from around the world, I believe we could do a similar track here by the river valley. IT could be a skaters track much like Quebec's or a snowboarding track competition. This could be a competition that would bring people from around the world.	2		contest
47	Snow hills/mounds for children. We have small children and they always climb the snow mounds where snow has been piled up next to parking lots/rinks/trails. I have noticed many other children do the same as well, and, they do spend hours climbing, sliding and jumping about on them. Maybe there is an opportunity to create snow hill mounds in various parks, Churchill Sq. for kids to play on. It would be an easy, unstructured playing opportunity with minimal investment. Churchill square could benefit as it would entertain the kids and draw families in. a thought anyway.	2		IdeaScale
49	Lets open up an outdoor pool, like the Jasper Park Lodge, for some swimming during the winter months	2		IdeaScale
53	mass "Snowball" fight! Obviously using snowballs might be a safety issue so just using balls would be fun. There could be snow blowers sprinkling snow over the contestants to give a winter feeling. Making this event a 2000-3000 person event outside, in the River Valley, Goldbar or Hawlack park would encourage exercise and group involvement. There could be corporate, neighborhood and friend teams. This would be very exciting for all ages I know I would go!	2		contest
57	1. I think it would be great to replicate the world record dodgeball game recently held at the U of A with an attempt to have the world's largest snowball fight! We could engage other winter cities around the world in friendly competition that would essentially herald Edmonton as being equivalent to Oslo, Helsinki, St Petersburg.... This would engage Edmontonians and put us on the map as a dynamic winter destination. 2. The other idea I have is to open a Boutique Ice Hotel. They're usually designed from scratch every year - meaning a yearly design competition featuring local talent. 3. It might also be great to have an ice version of Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum.	2	4	contest
69	make big snow forts then have a big snow ball fight with all different neighbourhoods.	2		postcard
71	I want the city to have more ice rinks.	2		postcard
75	Big adult vs kids snowball fight, outdoor oilers game.	2		postcard
81	Ice Skating. Giant Chocolate fountain	2	3	postcard
86	Winter sports centre. Snow contests. Winter tour of Edmonton.	2	5 7	postcard
87	Skiing, sledding, snowball fight, build forts, play videogames.	2		postcard
92	Skiing ternaments!	2	5	postcard
93	Paintball fights but the paintballs are snow	2		postcard
95	skating, snowboarding, skiing, snowball fights, snow forts, ice hockey	2		postcard
96	Oganized sport events	2		postcard
99	gaming centre, Ice rink, ski lodge, sledding, snow boarding, Hockey, breakfast for free, cross country pad, winter tours ETS, Hot dog ski Party	2	3 7	CHS diary
111	Kiteboarding Canada. Ideas re: kiteboarding in winter: kite park along edge of city (training place, supervised, people get permission to go there, on a farmer's field on property owned by City); annual event at Cooking Lake on Family Day (low-key festival); real high "cool" factor; relatively inexpensive; visions of field on edge of City; set up shelter; very doable; conditions in prairies good for this. This would be the only such event west of Quebec.	2		telephone
112	Take the snow that is hauled away during the winter and pile it up to a HUGE sliding hill and host a Winter Sliding Festival. People of all ages would and could come out to enjoy this winter activity. Make a smaller hill for younger participants too. Serve hot drinks such as cocoa, apple cider. Hold contests for the best designed silding apparatus. Maybe have some local entertainment perform. The ideas are endless!!! Also, the city could host an OUTDOOR Oilers game! Perhaps, build an ice rink at the same site where the sliding hill would be in the above mentioned idea	2		contest
113	Heritage Classic Curling Bonspiel. Inviting veteran curlers (former greats of the Game) from across Canada for a bonspiel to be held at the Oldest Curling Club in Edmonton. The Granite Curling Club	2		contest
121	If we had accessible winter sports events for All levels.	2		postcard
123	Kid-friendly skating shacks	2		postcard
133	Yukigassen!	2		postcard
136	LONG DISTANT 'SKATE PATHS' -- NOT RINKS BUT ICE PATHS/TRAILS.	2		postcard
148	I would love to see an ice climbing wall like they have in Winnipeg!	2		contest

	when I was on the Woodcroft Community League board I advocated for cross country ski trails in Coronation Park. We were successful in getting them until this winter. When the trails were no longer being groomed, I emailed the city and found out that because of lack of use, they were no longer going to be groomed. I am dismayed by the lack of advertising on the part of the City to let the rest of the city's residents know about these trails. The recreation department left it to me to advertise the trails at the library and other venues such as Peter Hemingway Pool. The trails never were advertised in the city's x country ski brochure nor on the city's website. I need your support to get these trails back. I am willing to contact all the schools (again) to ask them to use the trails in their phys ed classes. I have learned from speaking with Daniel Moisan, the Director of Phys Ed at St. Mark School, that they have not been using the trails because they do not have access to skis, poles and boots. I called the City of Edmonton to find out if the City would lend their equipment to our schools. The answer was no. Can we forge a partnership between the City and local schools to promote outdoor activities that I love to run outside in winter in the beautiful River Valley. But iciness often makes the trails inaccessible. More sand on the trails so we can run on them year round with minimal danger?	2	8	email
156		2		
159	- Being able to work out all Night - Need to Run Ice adds difficulty - I work midnights so am up all Night when off would like one facility I can come to - Summer I can Run outside if needed.	2		postcard
162	Well maintained cross country tracks +/- artificial snow on those for winters like this year, Thanks	2		postcard
163	snowboarding!!	2		postcard
170	Old fashioned games at Fort Edmtn Park - like Broomball -	2		postcard
172		2		
175	huge ski mountain, skating rink, snow festivle, snow man making contest	2	4	postcard
176	- Ski Hill on square - slay rides - maze - hay bales/fires - out door movies	2	4	5
	I live off Mill creek Ravine which is awesome walking trail. If you only plow 1/2 the width in winter & pack the other half you could XC Ski it too. Also, more areas like sports fields could be groomed & packed for XC Skiing. I would like to see an area & can take my dog skidoing. groomed trails do not allow dogs.	2	5	postcard
188	there can be more ski hills	2		postcard
192	- good tobaggan hills in the River Valley with good public transportation to get there.	2	7	postcard
193	Winter Park - ice sculpture - Slides - Hills - toboganing	2	6	postcard
200	Red Bull Crashed Ice Race - I don't know the exact title, but i'd love to see the Red Bull Crashed Ice race here. It's currently operated in Quebec City, i believe, and it involves a downhill ice race course, with individuals competing against one another for time. We could start it at the top of the river valley, with the race concluding at river level. It draws huge crowds, is nationally/internationally marketed, and would be a huge draw!	2		IdeaScale
210		2		
	Curling rink on Centennial square - We should encourage tin can curling, or promote a curling bonspiel like the corporate challenge in order to create a more 'community' event in the downtown using the plaza behind the Library	2	5	IdeaScale
215	Winter Camping - Open up the campground near Snow Valley for winter camping. Teach winter camping classes and encourage people to experience sleeping outside in the winter.	2		IdeaScale
218	Winter Night Bike Ride - Host a winter bike ride that includes a friendly competition for the best lighting decoration of the bikes	2		IdeaScale
221		2		
	Winter Tri Club - Promote winter fitness through outdoor winter triathalons. Ski, Skate, Snowshoe. Train and compete in Edmonton's river valley	2		IdeaScale
231		2		
	Hockey tournament on the River - Put a weir in the north Sask river to allow it to freeze over and put on the largest outdoor hockey tournament in the world. As a bonus, the river would be available for family skating as well.	2	1	IdeaScale
237	Outdoor Ice! - There is no better Canadian expirience then outdoor skating rinks. Whether for a quick game of shinny, recreational fun, or to teach the younger generation how to skate, outdoor ice makes any winter day special. There is currently no outdoor skating rinks between the area of 97st and Manning Drive north of 153ave. This area serves a large popualtion of young families. We should use this classic Canadian passtime to make Edmonton a awesome winter city!	2		IdeaScale
255	Hockey in Churchill Square - Build an outdoor, community rink in Churchill Square	2	4	IdeaScale
257		2		
	Polar Bear Swim - Several cities host polar bear swims/ plunges, etc... where participants showcase their love of winter (and their bravery) by plunging into icy cold water in as little or as much clothing as they dare. I think Edmonton would draw a courageous crowd if we held this in front of City Hall (once the temperatures return to zero)	2		IdeaScale
259		2		
	Make our Relationship with Winter a Health Issue - Make our relationship with winter into a health issue. Emotional health, mental health, physical health. I suggest people check out the blog "Dr Sharma's Obesity Notes." This blog is an Edmonton resource, and today's (January 24) post concerns recreation areas and obesity. Match this particular physiological issue with injuries from falling, and it is easy to begin to see that our unwillingness live well with winter is costing us money because of health care costs.	2		IdeaScale
260	more Cross Country ski trails - How about encouraging the use of all the idle golf courses in the winter by setting cross country ski tracks on them? This would definitely encourage skiers of all ages to get out and enjoy winter more. These are gently rolling areas which make skiing much safer for novice skiers, or older more fragile individuals	2		IdeaScale
264	Host World's Largest Snowball Fight - Similar to the U of A's recent world record breaking dodgeball game I think Edmonton could take the title for largest ever snowball fight!	2	5	IdeaScale
266		2		

	Ice Slides and Ice Skating - Set up ice slides of different widths and sizes. Some can be big enough for an entire family to go down and others can be singles. Similar to the ones that are in the famous Bal de Neige (Winterlude) in Ottawa/Gatineau or Carnival in Quebec City. No problem with copying something that works!	2	6	IdeaScale
268	Winter Park - Designate Hawreiaik a winter park that becomes the hub for all the outdoor activities and leads into trail system. Build family-friendly toboggan runs off the hills leading into the park, offer dogsledding in parts of trails, hayrides, outdoor curling rinks, figure skating part of current skating rink and put up bleachers and dome and have skating shows ; nighttime lights; bonfires and activities and use amphitheatre area for entertainment and tents and food	2	5	IdeaScale
269	Walking in the stars - Highlight the fun and magic of walking on fresh snow sparkling with night lights.	2	6	IdeaScale
273	Snow Tube Park - The City should build a snow tube park in the River Valley. Ski resorts like Whistler and Sun Peaks have constructed chutes/runs with snow barriers varying from beginner runs to expert	2		IdeaScale
274	Heritage Curling Classic - Having a funspiel of Provincial/Canadian Curling Champs at the oldest curling club in Edmonton, The Granite Curling Club Established in 1920 and on its original site. It would be perfect with the Brier being at Rexall in 2013	2	5	IdeaScale
280	Snowshoe Tours of Parks - Guided tours of the Leg grounds, River Valley, and all our great city parks in showshoes. Could be hosted by John Janzen Nature Centre or private company.	2	1	IdeaScale
291	ice climbing - Build a tower, coat it with ice, rent climbing gear, train people, hold competitions - Churchill Square? University? Kinsmen?	2		IdeaScale
294	My idea for transforming Edmonton into a better winter city is to create a skating rink on Whitemud Creek. I would like to see the rink start at Fox Drive and continue south to at least 23rd Avenue. I believe this is doable as there is little water flow in the Creek during the winter. The rink would allow the people of Edmonton to enjoy a skating experience similar to that at the forks in Winnipeg or the Rideau Canal in Ottawa. I also think the cost would be minimal as the city must already possess the necessary equipment to flood the Creek. Thank you for the consideration of my idea.	2	4	contest
296	Would love to see a 5-10 year program to progressively create (& maintain) cross-country ski trails next to or near the existing walking / biking trails throughout the city.	2		contest
304	How about a Snowshack program? The same idea as the Greenshack program but takes place in the winter. Obviously needs to be a warm shack... :) I believe improving community skating shacks would be a step in the right direction. Make the community skating shacks more comfortable for parents and grandparents that just want to watch their children/grandchildren skate. For example a comfortable seating/eating/reading area with windows with a view of the rink would be great; someplace where caregivers can watch but still be comfortable and warm if that's what they want to do. This also has the benefit of encouraging community members to meet and get to know each other	2	4	contest
308	How about a Mobile Winter Fun Crew? Deck out a motorhome, fill it with equipment, hire some university students with a physical activity background and have them travel to different neighborhoods during the winter season to play winter games with the community kids. The idea being to promote outdoor winter activity with children whether it be snowman building, snow soccer or sled races... the Winter Fun Crew could be quite creative I'm sure as many typical summer games can be adapted for winter. Community children would get to know each other and would be active - enjoying the outdoors	2	5	contest
309	Have a cross country skiing/snow shoe day...and a dog sled race....	2		contest
316	Invite the Red Bull Crashed Ice organizers to take a look at Groat Road. Take a look at opening up Telus Field for a SnowmobileX Event. Actively pursue more Choirs to hold events at the Ledge Grounds when it is decorated. Encourage an organization to create a Senior's Assistance Christmas Shopping charity for those in homes, or far from loved ones who need more than a taxi, they need someone to carry their bags etc.	2	5	contest
317	For the past three years, my brother and I have transformed our back yard into winter fun. We take pride on building our "ice slide". Every year it is different, depending on the amount of snow we receive. Enjoyment is had by all ages. We have a campfire going on the cold days, music, hot chocolate, ice caves, and the ice slide. Its also lit up in the evenings for continued amusement. Please take a moment to view our 1 minute video. Sorry I could not attach the clip to the email, the link will take you to YouTube. lilgr8grl	2		contest
325	My idea is the city should have a large toboggan/tube slide downtown!	2		contest
328	Promote Edmonton with family-friendly activities: · Skiing · Tobogganing · Skating · Hockey · Ringette · Candy cane lane . Appealing to children and families will make the city more vibrant.	2		contest
329	"cold air picnics" Allow access to the city parks in winter to allow people to fire up the firepits, and enjoy cold air picnics. Families could participate in winter activities such as: bird-watching, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, walking, and other winter pursuits. It might be helpful to educate the public via the media outlets introducing these pursuits	2	4	contest
332		2		

	Bring on winter. My favorite season in Edmonton is winter. The first reason why I love it is you can snow board second reason is you can sled the last reason is you can build snow forts. The first reason is you can snow board. You can do flips, you can do 360's 720's 980's. You can go off jumps and do stunts. The second reason is you can sled. You can go off jumps. You can go really fast. You can race someone. The last reason is you can build snow forts. You can have any design on a snow fort. You can build igloos. You can food colour forts. It is warm in side a snow fort. Winter is the best season in Edmonton already because you can snow board, sled and build a snow fort. To make everyone fall in love with winter in Edmonton everyone needs to be able to do these things. We need free snow boarding, skiing, sledding and places to build snow forts.	2		contest	
335	Winter outdoor paintball course made of snow and ice for those crazy enough!	2		contest	
338	A snow park like the Valcartier Snow park outside of Quebec city. A place where you can go snow tubing; lots of fun!!! Family friendly! Winter City attraction!	2		contest	
339	An obstacle course made of snow and ice open to the public. Basically a snow and ice climbing/scramble structure for kids to play and slide on.	2		contest	
340	An ice maze; kind of like a corn maze only made of ice. Both an adult version (tall walls) and a kid's version (mini walls).	2		contest	
341	There are many island parks in Edmonton. When the snow is being cleared off the streets perhaps the operators could pile the snow in the parks and create mini-sliding areas for the children living in the area. Yes it might take a little longer but children would celebrate the snow, grab their sleds and be able to slide in their communities. Piling the snow in a creative fashion does not take very long (I've watched my father do it for years on the farm) and would get kids out of their houses and climbing/sliding - playing in the snow. Fosters community friendships!	2		contest	
343	long distance skating route; people like to skate; why not a scenic long distance skating route possibly in a public park like Rundle or Hawrelak Park?	2		contest	
346	Promote Nordic Winter Walking; market it as a fitness activity that can be enjoyed by all. Highlight "Nordic Winter Walking" routes across the city - evaluate them for level of difficulty, hills, scenery, etc. People will take to it.	2		contest	
347	Crushed Ice Racing Festival! Exciting!	2		contest	
354	City supported learn to cross country ski programs for children	2		contest	
358	Snowboarding & Sking	2		postcard	
359	Annual ski through the River Valley. Have an annual cross-country ski event through the river valey from Goldbar Park to say Whitemud Creek making use of existing ski trails where possible, then use walking & bike trails where no trails exist. The route would go via Riverside Golf Course, Kinsmen, Emily Murphy & Hawrelak Pk. This ski would not be a race but a chance for skiers of all abilities to enjoy the beauty of our river valley in winter. People do not have to do the entire distance of 20km or so but could start or join at Kinsmen centre making use of the cafe. FYI, the Edmonton Nordic Ski Club have for many years had such a ski between Xmas & New Year but it could be run any suitable weekend .	2	1	IdeaScale	
361	Snow on Goldbar ski trails when there's no snow! Cross country ski is an healthy, inexpensive and easy sports for all ages. Edmonton has a great cross country ski community. However, last few years have been difficult for many due to lack of snow. It would be great if Goldbar has a snow making system that we can extend the ski season longer and consistent. There are already hundreds people using the trails at Goldbar, but lately it's been very disappointing. We don't have to have an expensive downhill ski slopes to enjoy our beautiful winter here. Simple snow making system that works with existing trails will definitely enhance our great community	2	7	IdeaScale	
362	North Saskatchewan Skating. Create a "Rideau Canal" style skating area along the North Saskatchewan. People can commute using this, as well as evening skating (light it up at night). Have food and hot beverage vendors there, as well as music. If you build it the community will love it. Ottawa is a great example of this.	2	6	3	IdeaScale
365	Cross Country Skiing! We're a great winter city, so just wanted to write in support of the cross-country ski culture. With an internationally-acclaimed event like the Canadian Birkebeiner (the only Canadian one, and only one of a handful in the world!), Edmonton is in an enviable position to support cross country skiing. Here are some specific ideas: - Support the Birkebeiner Ski Festival as one of Edmonton's official winter festivals; - More support for kids/families who want to learn the sport; - Include planning for cross-country ski trails in new Edmonton communities; - Continue to support trail grooming in Edmonton parks, and include some more ravines in the grooming (e.g. groomed and protected trails in Mill Creek Ravine); - Snow-making at Goldbar (might be able to tie into treated wastewater re-use as snow-making).	2	5		IdeaScale
366	Giant Snow Maze. What if we dumped a bunch of snow into Commonwealth Stadium and made a giant snow maze? It could be a family attraction, something to bring people out of the house on warm (or cold) winter days and get some exercise! Plus it could be a way to utilize the snow that gets removed from our streets for something fun!	2			IdeaScale
367					

	WinterCityIdeas. Edmonton's winter can be tough on anyone. All it takes is one week of forty below and most people are done. For those with wealth just take the next jet south. Vegas anyone? What Edmonton needs is a Wellness Park. Put the Muttart Conservatory, Europa from WEM, Bonnedoon Hot Tub, Sand's Motel from Hawaii, Wellness Medical System in a Blender and what you have is a smoothie. What you would call a spiritual booster juice. What people need is a place where they can have a time out. People get run down in their mind and they convince themselves the grass is greener some place else. We have a park system that is nothing but dead space unused 80 percent of the year because of the goal post tyranny. Got some park land? Put up a goal post and all you have to do is mow the grass. It keeps the city recreation cost low. Out of sight, out of mind. The irony is that it would be an income stream and it would cost very little to create.	2		IdeaScale
370	Mitten-making workshops (knitting). More corners of "buskers" on 118 Ave.	2	5	postcard
381	More marshmellow Roasts.	2	5	postcard
382	Project short films on outdoor screen/wall + have fire barrels. Prizes for best mits or hats.	2	5	postcard
399	Skating on the river with ships on it.	2		postcard
406	Free public swims at all facilities on the last Sunday/Sat? of every month or every 2nd month of winter. Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar.	2	4	postcard
410	Home school weekly swim drop-in ages 6-17 & Home school weekly weekday outdoor sports classes.	2		postcard
416	Low cost family fun.	2	5	postcard
429	Monthly f[r]ee skate @ arenas.	2		postcard
430	Date night skating for couples.	2		postcard
433	family skate nights @ Churchill.	2		postcard
	More family gatherings. Snowshoe walks, Nature Discovery winter animals.			
434	Hot chocolate, Marshmellow Roasts, Storytime.	2	3	postcard
438	Sledding compitions.	2	5	postcard
440	Snowshoe games (contests, games with snowshoes).	2	5	postcard
	A Late Night Skate "night" for couples/Families. "Served Hot chocolate would be nice"	2	3	postcard
442	A mini Edmonton "Olympics" family fun day.	2	5	postcard
444	Sleigh Rides	2		postcard
447	Ice Fishing	2		postcard
448	Cross Country Sking	2		postcard
450	More Hockey rink's pleasesss	2		postcard
452	we need more sledding hills for children	2		postcard
453	Have Commuty dances	2		postcard
457	More free skating rinks for kids/familys	2		postcard
463		2		postcard

	Idea: Aggressively pursue vendors and businesses that generate significant foot traffic to operate in the pedway spaces and LRT system areas (from 109 Street to 97 Street) to increase foot traffic in the "indoor streets" of downtown and create a downtown that bustles unimpacted by weather. COMPONENTS OF THE IDEA: Free rent or lease for commercial space in LRT pedways to jump-start development. 'Loss' of revenue is compensated for by crime reduction. Cellular service upgraded by adding antennae to subterranean areas. Permission for mobile food sales to operate at platform level. Beautification of LRT platforms and pedways to create streetscapes. Widening and improvement of LRT and Pedway access systems. Increasing washroom and service access in the Pedway system. LONG TERM IDEA: Excavation of wider brighter access points to and between stations and pedways. Closure and enclosure of outdoor streets to create year-round pedestrian malls. Improved access from Pedway system to residential properties.	3	7	contest	
44	I have a few ideas! While winter can be cold, it can be fun if you keep a positive mind. What you'll find is that Edmontonians CAN embrace winter, both by taking part in boundless outdoor adventure opportunities and arts and cultural events that showcase our creativity and the sense of community that define our lifestyle. It'd be great to have ice-sculptures, have kids have a snowfort building contests (with a little adult help of course). I also think it'd be awesome to make a snow/ice house. You could walk through, and go to the 'kitchen' for coffee, tea, hot chocolate.. Have ice furniture, and take a tour through the house. Then, you could go outside and make snow forts, have everyone bring crazy carpets, sleds, etc. and have a race down a hill. Also, just for some added fun and excitement, have a bon fire and roast marshmallows! Sit around on ice chairs, and ice 'couches'. Have sleigh rides, and perhaps an outdoor petting zoo, since the weather has been so gorgeous. Have a "Winter Olympics" game for everyone in different age groups. Fun little things for the kids such as crazy carpet racing, and three-legged races, who builds the best snow angel (I don't know if it's just me, but i always leave that	3	5	contest	
54	A real treat which will have everyone wishing it was winter ... Beavertail's! They are a Canadian Company. A Beavertail is a delicious pastry, formed like a beavertail. It can be served savory or sweet. Setting a Beavertail shack up at all outdoor events ... Skating, skiing, etc, will draw crowds. The famous Beavertail is served along the Rideau Canal in Ottawa. Ask the millions of people there ... It IS what brings them out! Along with the cup of Hot Chocolate	3	2	contest	
58	Hot chocolate and warm snack carts in popular city gathering locations.	3		contest	
62	Free hot chocolate. Dragon festival.	3	5	postcard	
73	Hot chocolate truck/snowmobile, same thing as ice cream truck But Hot chocolate	3		postcard	
88	Having a hot chocolate truck giving free hot chocolate	3		postcard	
89	choc. truck, snow park, snow fort, skiing downtown, monkey made out of snow	3	2	postcard	
91	To be able to buy freshly made potato pancakes in Churchill Sq during the winter months - Like they have in Germany. Mm, delicious!	3		postcard	
102	Hot chocolate. Carts and games. Free swimming lessons.	3	2	postcard	
103	Hot chocolate carts, food trucks, fire barrels around LRT stops during peak hours. Hot chocolate on the walk home!	3	7	postcard	
104	I ♥ Meat!	3		postcard	
118	Free hot chocolate on the streets	3		postcard	
135	Edmonton is a river city. I feel like winter events are really spread out in the city and not always advertised well. A festival needs to be thrown in an accessible location and an area any Edmontonian could find. The river never freezes completely so the idea of skating on the river is out. I think what Edmonton needs is an interactive ice castle complete with a Bavarian style ice village. The castle should be situated to take in the city skyline, it should be positioned by the muttart conservatory. By being located by the pyramids Edmontonians can take in a unique and purely Edmontonian landmark that stands all year round and advertising the event would be easier (as alot of Edmontonians commute across the river for work and the landmark is identifiable). Young families and patrons can warm up inside pyramids. The trees outside can be dressed with lights. The Frozen Bavarian village allows for the flexibility of local vendors to market affordable food and drinks but in a way that is less commercial than "taste of Edmonton". It should have a confectionary shoppe with fudge. My vision is for there to be hot beverages and Canadian snacks such as hot chocolate, meat pies and maple syrup on snow. There can be a music tent	3	5	6	contest
147	German Christmas market at churchill Square	3		postcard	
169	- activities - Ice Playground - Ice Playground - ice sides - festivals - free hot cocoa on sidewalks - rinks (skatting) - performers	3	2	4	postcard
180	a larger downtown market ... maybe more encouragement from the City.	3	4	postcard	
186	- Hot chocolate stand - PJ for the poor - biggest snowball and snowmen contest - winter fashion show outside	3	5	postcard	
201	- hot chocolate stand - a winter scavenger hunt and the prize ... - a sleigh ride	3	5	postcard	
202	hot choc stands, coffee stands, open fire pits - will bring people to a public place Bring it on!	3	4	postcard	
204		3	4	postcard	

211	<p>Outdoor Christmas market - A lot of European cities host outdoor Christmas markets in the winter with traditional Christmas foods, hand made gifts, communal areas (e.g. bonfires/ licensed venues) and entertainment/ activities. I think an Edmonton version of this in Churchill Square would provide a much needed kick off to celebrate winter outside and downtown in the heart of Edmonton at this time of year - even if just for the business lunch crowd.</p> <p>Submitted by snowmod 1 month ago</p>	3		IdeaScale	
222	<p>Hot Beverage Vendors along river valley trails - At certain spaced intervals along the most popular river valley trails, let vendors sell hot apple cider, hot chocolate, or other non alcoholic hot beverages to river valley hikers, walkers, snowshoers, cross country skiers, etc. I often hike in the river valley during the winter and have always wished I could get a hot drink to warm me up halfway through my hike instead of always having to bring my own beverage</p> <p>Winter Food Trucks - Summer food trucks are amazing, seasonal treats. It would be equally fabulous to have trucks kitted out with chili, hot chocolate, spicy ethnic wonders...</p>	3	1	2	IdeaScale
229	<p>Mulled wine without fences - One of the best feelings in the winter is having a nice warm beverage in hand as you walk about the city. Bring mulled wine to our outdoor events, without having to be corralled into a "beer garden" standing still while you sip your drink!</p>	3			IdeaScale
250	<p>Winter Wear - I just bought a very good parka, but it was made in China. Good as it is, it is still missing a few things that I loved in the best parka I ever owned - two or three decades ago. That parka was made in Canada. What about encouraging companies to locate quality winter clothing manufacture in Edmonton, and including a community outreach and community input part of that. We need affordable winter clothing that allows us to walk comfortably in very, very cold weather. If the sidewalks are safe and clear, then everyone should be able to get outdoors and walk</p>	3			IdeaScale
271	<p>Dressing for winter - I love winter, but I also know how to dress for it. I suggest a public education campaign about how to stay warm. It is also possible to remain stylish while doing so, and it is not essential to spend a fortune either. Dressing properly is the key to enjoying winter safely. Winter clothing - A major barrier to enjoying winter is the cost of proper clothing. A good parka and proper winter boots that are actually comfortable to -30 can set you back hundreds of dollars. Maybe make them accessible with rentals/loans for special events? The reverse coat check! The winter tux!</p>	3			IdeaScale
282	<p>wintergear - hold a weekend event that showcases the best quality outdoor gear, has seminars on dressing for outdoor sports, etc.</p>	3			IdeaScale
287	<p>Here are my ideas to make Edmonton a better winter city:* An outdoor winter market in Churchill Square once a month--with not just food vendors, but musicians, ice sculptures, horse & wagon rides, a bonfire, maple syrup troughs as of February or so, and skating in front of city hall. And it all has to be outdoors (rather than those horrible, tasteless white tents that were put up this year). * More cross-country ski trails in the city. * Winter exhibits at the AGA, like the one currently on in Enterprise Square. * Support for the Storm Series snowshoe evenings (I went to one and it was so much fun!).</p>	3	2	6	contest
292	<p>Here are some ideas for celebrating winter in Edmonton: 1.A social media campaign (blog, Facebook, Twitter) of Edmontonians (of different demographics - student, young professional, families,etc.) experiencing local activities throughout the winter. For example, attending festivals (Metropolis, Lights at the Legislature, Winter Light, Deep Freeze, Ice on Whyte), checking out city facilities (outdoor rinks, Snow Shacks),participating in/attending winter sports & events (hockey, curling, tobogganing, Silver Skate Festival, The Birkie), going to places that are typically 'summer' activities (the zoo, Devonian Gardens, High Level Bridge Street Car), checking out new activities and events (City Hall winter farmer's market, Fork Fest, Downtown Dining Week, Dish Crawl, ETS Christmas lights tour), going to awesome indoor events (Edmonton Oilers/Oil Kings/Rush, Improv at the Varscona, ESO, local & professional theatre), etc. Can also use this as an opportunity to highlight local stores for Christmas shopping ideas, volunteer opportunities, etc. 2. Corporate Challenge Winter Edition (or similar competition with another demographic) - with competitive events like curling & hockey (many A Christmas market in the Muttart greenhouses</p>	3	5	6	contest
306	<p>Outdoor Christmas markets like in Vienna, Prague, etc.</p>	3			postcard
349	<p>public accessible bathrooms in the river valley & downtown to encourage outdoor activity.</p>	3	4	2	postcard
373	<p>Have services in the river valley .</p>	3	4		postcard
402	<p>Hot chocolate trucks. With marshmallows</p>	3			postcard
414	<p>Outdoor Christmas Market in Churchill Square! Like they do in Barcelona.</p>	3			postcard
421	<p>Sleigh rides in the river valley.</p>	3	2		postcard
423	<p>Winter swap meets (skates, ski's, snowboards, etc.)</p>	3			postcard
427	<p>Outdoor Markets (held only @ -20 and warmer)</p>	3			postcard
439	<p>Hot chocolate w/marshmallows</p>	3			postcard
443		3			
446		3			

4 - Placemaking (buildings, outdoor cafes, policies)

12	Bonnie Doon/Strathern... It is something to be worked on & completed perhaps in next 20-50 yrs... a first stage which is relatively small and could probably be completed in the near future. The structure would be a tetrahedron (a three sided pyramid), with the north side extending up from ... the Edmonton Ski club... have this north side serve as a major ski hill in the winter & provide additional seating for the folk fest. It would be constructed with snow machines & lifts built in. The other two sides, the SE & SW would be glass, enclosing the neighbourhood below in a all season summer environment... the heating systems could be geothermal and it would probably be necessary to prohibit fuel burning machines inside. The peak would be a ski lodge and a LRT station. There would be a gondola that would be part of the LRT system going north from the peak down to Cloverdale and up to Jasper Avenue near the Convention Centre. Of less importance the gondola line could extend south to Whyte Avenue as well. [continued in email, with images	4		contest	
25	Hi Just a simple idea, ice homes for the homeless they will look awesome (so many designs) and the homeless can use them, kind of take note from Quebec and buld and ice city.	4		contest	
67	If we could add something ... we should add warming stations.	4		postcard	
68	don't make anything. Grow bunch of trees	4		postcard	
114	I believe Daryl Procinsky here at ONPA Architects has discussed with you our interest in contributing to the Winter City Strategy. We would love the opportunity to contribute to the Think Tank Ideas Hub. Winter City development has been a major part of our 50 year old organization whether it be designing building envelopes for all seasons, designing lighting solutions to play off the white snow cover, or helping the City of Yellowknife develop their Urban Growth Plan. (see attached) . Is there any way that ONPA could be included in the continuing strategy development?	4	6	email	
120	Beat your goal to end homelessness	4		postcard	
129	Utilize existing infrastructures to animate + celebrate winter -- ice skating parties on ice @ city hall	4	5	postcard	
137	heated cafes and winter outside activities -- blankets + hot beverages... CREATING LARGE PILES/MOUNDS OF SNOW FOR KIDS/PEOPLE TO CLIMB & PLAY UPON IN CENTRAL AREAS. USE THE SNOW BEING CLEARED...	4		postcard	
138	Ten Best things about visiting Edmonton in the wintertime - 10. More get out of town advertisements and deals for cruises, all inclusive hotels, and Caribbean resort packages than any other city. 9. We are schnook free city. Apparently all of the schnooks settled in Calgary. 8. We continue to get high draft picks in the National Hockey League draft. 7. Winter lasts 9 months of the year so there is almost never a low season. 6. Only Northern city where the check stops are manned by police on snowmobiles . 5. Restaurants don't have a "no snowshoes..no service" sign posted at the door. 4. We invented windrows! (which keeps getting changed to windows in spellcheck cause the computer doesn't know what the heck they are either! 3. The Innuits may have 50 words for snow but Edmontonians have hundreds of words for Winter..Most of them do not appear in the bible. 2. We have more snowplows per capita than Tim Horton outlets! In Edmonton Double Double means two snowploughs blocking up the whole street! 1. I would have had 10 reasons but my keyboard froze up cause someone left the windrow open...	4	5	3	contest
154	Have a large outdoor hot tub - could be enjoyed by all ages and a great way to warm up in the winter without going all the way to the mountains to use hot springs.	4		postcard	
161	yes! Outdoor hot tubs (hot spring style) would be great during the winter (and don't need to drive far as edmontonians) can be located next to Kinsmen Bld along the west wall and west parking on the front.	4		postcard	
168	:-) I.Ts. ... a "Legacy" element, every year (same!) like a big slide structure (Quebec); an ice castle (St. Boniface); in the right location; a strong location; dependable location. Candy Cane Lane is great ... ad hoc event	4		postcard	
173	Ice slide. Ice skulptures. Snow fort contests.	4	5	2	postcard
178	ice Park. quaitiy of Life. Winter wonderLand	4	8		postcard
181	- ice slide - more winter festivals - Snowman contest - Friday off to enjoy winter - carrage rides	4	5		postcard
182	huge Ice slide. Ice sculptures, a very big Festiville.	4	5		postcard
183	More pedestrian friendly streets with heated patios.	4		postcard	
190	- ice slide - more winter festivals - indoor festivals - winter artwork in City hall - Horse & sled rides - firepits - downtown tobogan hills	4	5		postcard
194	- Toboganing hills - Ice slides - Ice Playground - Ice sculpture - skating - Ice Rinks - more cross country - More events in River valley - Ice hotel Ice Hotel - If any city can do an ice hotel it is Edmonton. We are famouse for our winters. This could be a tourist attraction and could coincide with other winter festivals and events.	4	5	1	postcard
195		4	5		IdeaScale
220		4	5		

225	Edmontons New Neighbourhood Guidelines - The city is working on new neighbourhood guidelines. On pg 19 of the Winter City report it notes: "The City of Oslo acknowledges that planning for snow removal must happen as early as the road design phase; roads need to be designed to have somewhere for the snow to go without affecting traffic flow. One of the most effective ways to plan for this is to include boulevards between roadways and sidewalks." Edmonton's new neighbourhood guidelines should limit developer's use of cul de sacs and should get back to developing roadways with boulevards like in the mature neighbourhoods of Edmonton. For one, his would limit the impassable windrows left along and at the end of sidewalks. Making Edmonton more walkable year round begins with the infrastructure we have to work with.	4		IdeaScale
232	High Level Bridge Ice Climb - Lets build an ice climbing wall on the side of the High Level bridge allowing ice climbers the chance to climb the tallest city waterfall in the world (?). This would surely bring spectators and international attention	4	2	IdeaScale
234	Pocket Parks Downtown - Pocket Parks downtown that serve the local residential community are vital to the long-term success of any city. Making downtown livable for residents, especially families, means more public park spaces within walking distance of where you live. In a WinterCity, the park is a place to congregate or hang out on a sunny winter day, make a snow man, walk your dog, and enjoy the fresh air. Some pocket parks may even have spaces for small food vendors, or a small area to create a temporary skating rink. Most of all, it allows residents to be in a natural, green space that changes with the seasons. Winter is a time that we anticipate renewal in the spring - flowering trees, community garden space, green grass. In the meantime, put on a touque and make a snow angel!	4		IdeaScale
242	Policy to include winter in all renderings for capital projects - Too often when images or designs for capital projects like new buildings, roads, bridges, transit stations, etc., are shared, they do not include a winter scene. I'd love to see us require that all such projects include both summer and winter renderings!	4		IdeaScale
248	All-Season Landscaping - Prairie grasses of all kinds flourish naturally in our region and more importantly, stick out from under the snow. Let's landscape with them instead of perennial flowers that require way more maintenance and can only be enjoyed for part of the year. Imagine tufts of long wheat-coloured prairie grasses poking up from the snow next to benches and around City buildings.	4		IdeaScale
265	Heated Louise McKinney Park - Add heaters and additional lighting along the walkway on the north side of the river in Louise McKinney Park. Repurpose the segway rental store into a bar/cafe (for the winter).	4	6	IdeaScale
285	Design our city with whiteways/greenways - Design new neighbourhoods and retrofit older neighbourhoods as much as possible, with green-ways which become white-ways in the winter. These would be non-motorized transportation corridors in the summer and winter. In winter, snow covered routes could be used for skiing and kick sledding (using upright sleds which elders and parents with small children use in Finland) for ease of mobility in the winter. Having convenient, aesthetic non-motorized routes would encourage people to be more active for recreation and destination trips.	4	7	IdeaScale
299	I submitted the following to the winter city strategy website: Ice Rink Bridge across the North Saskatchewan. I would like to propose a new pedestrian bridge across the North Saskatchewan river between the High Level bridge and the Walterdale bridge. This would be an ice rink bridge in winter with amenities such as cafes on either side. In the summer it could be used for family/sporting activities/festivals etc. Funding for this bridge would in part come from sponsorship for naming rights of the bridge.	4	2	contest
302	Put temporary plexi-glass structures over certain sidewalks so that walking and biking are easily possible all winter long. Remove them in the springtime. Also, install "boardwalks" (made from recycled lifetime-lasting plastic decking boards) 6 or so inches above the cement sidewalks. They would have small spaces between boards for rain and snow to fall through. They could be swept instead of requiring shoveling. They could be designed to fit together by sections so that people could purchase (or rent) however much they needed. The "end" of the sidewalk could be sloped pieces except where two neighbours have both decided to have the boardwalk. Theirs would just "snap" together. If one house has it but the next house doesn't, it would just end with a "slope" to the non-board-walked property. Wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, canes etc would be successful in using these walks no matter the conditions. No more ice patches to handle! This could work if people gave it a chance.	4	7	contest

	winter. First of all I would like to say that the climate and the urban sprawl we have in Edmonton is a major obstacle in providing something viable for everyone. Many, many people do not like or have challenges venturing out in the cold or spending long periods of time in the cold. With that said, I would like to start with some observations that I have made. In a recent trip to the City Centre Mall this past winter, I was struck by how underutilized this area was. This indoor area has so many possibilities and I could not believe how desolate it was at that site. With all the condos going up in the area and the concentrated population we have a perfect environment to add wonderful fun things to do day and night. There are plenty of open areas, particularly in the corridors that could be set up as cafe's, interesting sitting areas to, "people watch, or listen to various musical talents or other performing artists. In places like the Empire theatre it would be wonderful to have different vendors showcase their wares, ie wine, cheese, breads, pastries, etc. For a small fee people could sample these delights. It just makes a movie night that much more of I think Edmonton should help out the homeless with a couple of new homeless shelters that take those that are under the influence like George Spady. This would not only help the homeless but keep them off the streets so they aren't drunk and stoned in public. This would also cut down on crime for those trying to get money for hotels and such	4	contest
330		4	contest
331	Community leagues need assistance organizing winter carnivals in their communities. I suggest creating winter boxes with materials and ideas that community leagues could sign out to help them organize a carnival. Boxes could include many different items such as: snowshoes, skis, toboggans and ideas for winter games.	4	contest
342		4	contest
368	Ice Rink Bridge across the North Saskatchewan. I would like to propose a new pedestrian bridge across the North Saskatchewan river between the High Level bridge and the Walterdale bridge. This would be an ice rink bridge in winter with amenities such as cafes on either side. In the summer it could be used for family/sporting activities/festivals etc. Funding for this bridge would in part come from sponsorship for naming rights of the bridge.	4	IdeaScale
371	Adding colour to the winter landscape with murals. Every time I take the LRT over the North Sask. River, I think it sure would be lovely if the city would commission an artist to create colourful murals on the drab, grey concrete pillars of the High Level Bridge. Not too detailed, maybe slightly abstract. City commissioned murals could be incorporated into the city's percent for art program on new builds - a program originally spear-headed by Jan Reimer	4	IdeaScale
384	provide outdoor heaters for cafes.	4	postcard
386	Bring back the firepit to Hawrelak Park skating & put one at City Hall.	4	postcard
390	Can we learn from Norway? They have got quite amazing Winter Cities. Better urban design. Edmonton has terrible street scape. Does not feel like a city, like a big Grande-Prairie.	4	postcard
409	Cheap parking in the downtown core.	4	postcard
424	Bon fires @ Churchill Square	4	postcard
449		4	postcard
454	Snow Angels	4	postcard

5 Festivals/Events

6	<p>I think it would be neat if Edmonton hosted a snow fort making contest, and had professionals come in and make wonderful snow forts. Allow for families/children to come in and play in the forts.</p> <p>... Igloo City...location could be City Hall/Whyte Ave. Artists can sculpt their own igloos or some igloos can be models or ...life size igloos for hotel stays. [build] spectacular igloo hotels. Spotlights/creative lighting can showcase the igloos. Ice furniture sculptures can be used in the hotels. As well, ice can be carved into fun plates and cutlery for serving meals...replica igloos can be sculpted. Igloos can be made to replicate key landmarks in Edmonton (i.e.City Hall or Leg bldg) or Alberta, making it a province showcasing event. Igloo bars can serve ice cold martinis & festive cocktails. Charities can also benefit from Igloo City. Auctions can be held-bidders can have a lifesize ice sculpture made of them. I can see this to be popular among Politicians or large businesses to advertise their name. Corporations can choose to have an igloo made to represent their company or simply have their [logos] carved into the side of igloos. Igloo City can be built [for] the annual Ice on Whyte Festival. I can see Igloo City to be popular with Edmontonians, Albertans, & ... national & international ... tourists.</p>	5	5	contest	
10	<p>I suggest a winter gear trade show that sells the latest in hi-tech clothing and equipment that actually keeps you WARM – as opposed to simply looking like it should keep you warm. You could call it something like “What’s HOT this Winter!” They could sell clothing and gear good enough to wear even in the far far north like the Yukon, NWT, and Nunavut. I think the Fort McMurray crowd on rotation, would probably even want to get in on that. Keeping warm always makes me love winter a lot more.</p>	5	6	contest	
14	<p>winter horse drawn carriage/sleigh rides with lanterns through historical parts of the city in the evenings, either with wheels or sleigh depending on snow conditions. with a hot apple cider. A tour guide talks about the history of he area on the ride. Trips leave at scheduled intervals. People can pre-register or just show up. Two carriages waiting to go - one for pre-registered, one for overflow or anyone who shows up. Affordable prices for families. Woolly blankets provided for knee cover up. Areas : The university, Old Strathcona, parts of downtown, etc</p>	5	3	contest	
15	<p>an annual party that could bring people to Edmonton or bring people out of there houses who live in Edmonton. Have a licensed outdoor party with big enough grounds, have some ice sculptures, snow activities, a posh bar, a bar by a big campfire. Make a winter ski resort around a big concert with real bands people want to see. But I'm sorry don't make it family. Look up Octoberfest in Kitchener Waterloo Ontario and Concordia Club. An annually party that everyone waits for. Get the promo out right and make it a thing you need to go to. Check out Coachella as well. Do a smaller version of that and make it winter. \$\$\$\$\$\$ and fun! Skating down the river like the Rideau Canal Skateway would be pretty sweet as well.</p>	5	5	contest	
16	<p>we need to attract families to Edmonton...have giant tobogganing for children ..(adults too), hot chocolate competitions of who can make the best...Make Edmonton into a winter fair. Tobogganing...the main attraction & the hot chocolate competition a side attraction. When I say competition I mean a similar idea to chili tasting, or the food festival where people can visit the different stands & enjoy excellent hot chocolate and other warm goodies. Winter rides should be offered like sleigh rides, & maybe dog sled rides. Every part of Edmonton should be decorated to the max. Plays should be showing like the Fringe Festival has. Winter Games should be offered like throw the snowball & knock the cans over to win a prize. Snowman building contests & maybe even snow angel contests. Not just plays, but also winter concerts of local bands & choirs. Maybe talent shows, "What is the best winter-like talent do you possess?" & writing competitions, "What is your favourite thing about winter or Edmonton or both?" Edmonton has a lot to offer.</p>	5	4	contest	
17	<p>Everything we do in the summer time we can do in the winter time... I miss the old First Night festival. There were so many things to do and see. I remember running all over downtown and listening to great music and having fun. The current New Year's eve celebrations seem to be a pale imitation.</p>	5	5	contest	
19	<p>a community or public event like the east end Freeze Festival, and some activities outdoor but with rest rooms and heaters, such as a luge run, curling rinks , watching the night sky for stars, , winter golf, horse shoes competition, snow shoe racing, or the largest scavenger hunt changing weekly the items needed to complete the event something that can involve all at no cost or very low cost to the public but still be enjoyable</p>	5	2	contest	
20	<p>Two ideas! With the structures created downtown...move them to 99st(?)beside the Winspear to free up the square and bring in the 104st. Market over the Winter. La Cité in the French Quarter (Bonnie Doon) would be interested in hosting a winter event inspired by some of the initiatives that take place out east. (Sugar Festival, Carnaval d'hiver type event (Perhaps we could partner with Québec City), Festival of Light challenging local artists/ designers to create a (light/dance) performance outdoors on our Patio etc.)</p>	5	6	3	contest

28	<p>Hold the world's first ever Winter International Video Mapping Competition in Downtown Edmonton. Check out this link...more » https://edmontonwintercity.ideascale.com/a/dtd/International-Winter-Light-Video-Mapping-Projection-Competition/87214-17337 . The idea would be to choose 5-6 blank-walled buildings downtown on an easy walking route whereby citizens and visitors could stroll during the winter evening / night, vote at heated hot chocolate / cider ice bar or patios, sample food-truck along the way, socialize, window shop and or attend other winter events running concurrently or later that night. International designers would compete under the common theme of winter. Corporate sponsors could donate buildings, labour, transportation, volunteers, etc. demonstrating goodwill and pride in our community. This event would be free and accessible to all Edmontonians, could be held over the course of several nights and publicize our city nationally, and internationally.</p>	5	3	contest	
30	<p>What would make you fall in love with winter in Edmonton? 1. The City could find a way to sponsor winter themed neighborhood block parties. 2. Edmonton could throw a snowman building competition for families somewhere like the fields by the Kinsmen Field House. 3. Find a park/field in each neighborhood where the city could plow a large portion of snow to make a small hill for people to toboggan on.</p>	5	4	contest	
31	<p>the city and private sector should partner up to hold a winter games. Similar to the Corporate Challenge that is held in the summer, companies can sponsor teams and friendly competition can ensue. The Corporate Challenge is a very successful model and there is no reason why a winter version couldn't be just as popular. I can see teams having 3 on 3 hockey, bobsleigh (aka: toboggan) races, cross country ski races, snow ball fights, street hockey, etc. The possibilities are endless. I think this would be a great opportunity to get a large number of people out and about and experience Edmonton at its wintery best</p>	5	2	contest	
32	<p>How about outdoor movies? We have them now in Churchill Square during the summer - winter would work even better. It gets dark early - perfect for outdoor cinema. The movies could be projected on an ice wall / or specially designed snow wall and they could be winter themed and who wouldn't love to watch a Christmas movie outside under the glow of the Churchill Christmas tree, while sipping on a hot chocolate or a glass of mulled wine. Loaner blankets could be supplied and the seating could be made out of hay bales.</p>	5		contest	
50	<p>North by Northwest - Alternative music festival catering to up and coming, as well as established alternative music</p>	5		IdeaScale	
51	<p>What would make me fall in love with Winter in Edmonton would be a City-managed Toboggan hill that includes: good lighting in the evening; public bathroom or "port-a-potty"; groomed hill (de-icing a safe walking path up the hill); on-site FREE toboggan rentals for families; and possibly a shelter for warming up, and/or place to purchase hot beverages and snacks.</p>	5	6	3	contest
51	<p>I think what would make edmontons winters more fun is, having more outdoor family fun festivals like what Edmonton offers in summer . That could include horse drawn sleigh rides a warm up station crafts snow shoeing , music to skate to with maybe skate race contests. I think it would be awesome if city of Edmonton offered winter activities for children to do ,nature walks to see what our city really has in winter wild life and all and a educational talk afterwards.</p>	5		contest	
55	<p>Let's be honest, Winterlude is the coolest winter festival in Canada. They have the ice slides and the bonhomme, beaver tails and the Rideau Canal. But we have all that and more. We have the temperatures to work that easily. We have the rink at city hall and a ski hill right in town. Edmonton needs a true ice blue winter festival with a cool mascot, ice slides and our own Edmonton twist, maybe bust open the mini donuts from Capital X. It would be so much fun. And when I went to Winterlude in 2004 all I could think was, "if this was at home, I would be here for every single day of this festival". So I think that would make winter more fun, if we celebrated it and faced it, rather than complained and hid inside!</p>	5		contest	
56	<p>remains that the citizens are passive about taking the action upon themselves to get off their couches and into the great outdoors. I think the best thing Edmonton can do to promote a great winter city is to work with the communities and citizens to create motivation to get out there. In the summer the city runs its free day and people are out in droves! This year when we took our daughter out for free admission day we endured the parking troubles and the lines and managed to take her to the zoo, Fort Edmonton, and the nature centre. Perhaps if the city runs an event of this type in January? Family day weekend sees a lot of special activities and lowered admissions but I think a city wide free admission day in January would be great as well. Run sleigh rides at Fort Edmonton with snowman building competitions and ice curling. Run special winter animals highlights at the valley zoo. Snowshoeing and animal tracks activities at John Janzen. The list goes on. It could be part of a larger mid-winter festival of sorts for January. Think of Jasper in January when Marmot Basin reduces rates for that few weeks and the</p>	5	2	contest	

	A well advertised winter festival at a park such as Hawlack park. Include skating, cross county skiing.. Hot chocolate, during the day family activities with warm up tents. Snowman/igloo building, ice sculptures ect. Carry it on into the evening. And maybe more adult activities..beer gardens. I am sure with a little more time and thought it would be easy to come up with some fantastic ideas. Include vendors and have it last at least a whole weekend maybe even a week. But MUST be fun for all and well advertised! If done EVERY year same time it will catch on! If before Christmas tree decorating. I sure there is already such an event but make it really about Edmonton	5		contest
59	I suggest we take over Hawrelak Park with a myriad of different things to do. Bring in some Live Music,have dogsleds,igloos,a maple syrup exhibit & possibly get an appearance by Bob & Doug Mckenzie or have a contest to dress up like them.It would be nice to have the return of the Zip Line they had here during the Grey Cup	5		contest
60	a party for the winter soltise	5		postcard
70	Winter Soltise Parade. Hot Chocolate contest. Light Show.	5	6	postcard
74	fort building contest. Ice sculpture	5	6	postcard
76	Dragan festaville	5		postcard
77	Ice dragon Festival. Colour the snow. Hot Chocolate Truck.	5	3 4	postcard
78	Ice Dragon Festival.	5		postcard
79	ice dragon festival	5		postcard
80	Fort building contests, and more winter sports	5	2	postcard
82	Make a igloo parade.	5		postcard
83	Ice dragon festival with lots of bright lights and different colours of snow.	5	6	postcard
84	ICE DRAGON FESTIVAL, cross country skiing	5	2	postcard
94	Carnival with Native/French background influenced Canadian food --> similar to that of taste of Edmonton	5		postcard
105	Indoor activities, wheelchair accessible, dance, shows?, where can a wheelchair "drive" in winter?	5		postcard
107	Mill Creek walk - great! Metropolis - Not so great...would prefer to see something smaller/cozier in the square and that includes the downtown Farmer's Market. Support other Festivals - not Metropolis.	5	4	postcard
116	Make winterlight bigger	5	6	postcard
117	More events like the Winterlight Festival in Mill Creek would be very good in making people feel a sense of community. It was great this year! Thx!	5	6	postcard
119	Celebrate winter with winter festivles, have more shopping, farmers markets, and other activities that are inclosed in the downtown core. There is a winter car race for kids and teens to drive and drift on ice and there is only 1\$ per person.	5	3	postcard
122	I think there should be more winter Celebrations than only Metropolis, ice hotel, snow slide, ice sculptures	5	6	postcard
124	126	5	6	postcard
17	Winter festivals, more outdoor spaces to play with the snow, Ice sculptures, some indoor sport places, Ice rink, giant outdoor curling rink close roads and have ice/street hockey tournaments -- dances in the streets. -- CAFES, etc.	5	2	postcard
128	winter fashion shows. shows + music on ice	5		postcard
130	ice hotel like Quebec and beaver tail. Carnival w bonome.	5		postcard
132	More outside events like what WINTER LIGHTS DOES. MORE COMMUNITY/LOCAL EVENTS	5	6	postcard
140	improve advertisement and events for winter festival. was great this year, but needs improvements. Thanks!	5		postcard
141	more parka parties like the one at Latitude 53!!! should be a party of our winter culture! totally awesome	5		postcard
142	Metropolis sucked!	5		postcard
143	GIVE LATITUDE 53 \$\$ they know HOW TO PROGRAM + BRING People together -- WAY better than Metropolis.	5		postcard
144	I would love to go to an outdoor winter movie!	5		postcard
145	the symposium. The City brings fun and funding to the communities and the communities give back. Through EFCL the City assists each community to confirm a location in which they are able (legally) to host/construct a winter-play event or display. This could be a 'new' winter game, new world record for..., ice or snow sculpture, silly hockey party, star party or whatever talent / skill / motivation the community has. ~200 community leagues divided by 10 weeks of snowy possibility = 20 destinations a week to be highlighted by Edmonton media. Probably too many - but we know that wouldn't happen overnight! Communities could also collaborate. In the trial year, communities could apply to lessen numbers, but the final goal would be that communities were all well aware that they had this winter op every year. The project could begin through the Great Neighbourhoods program - or, using a portion of the savings per community in Neighbourhood Renewals (12 per year) through LED lighting savings (~\$4,300 per community = \$51,000), each community would receive some money and/or assistance for their	5	4	contest
146	hello i would love to see more affordable fun family activities in the city both for the young, teens and adults. also to have a year round indoor skateboard very large. making the activities for young families and low income families affordable might help teens/ young adults get bored fast. i love coming to edmonton to visit and have some fun but find all the activities are expensive i'm a single mom with children, and when u travel food is always involved. thank you	5		contest
149	I would like to suggest, a winter festival that is full of fun winter sports and events ... Igloo building ,winter TPs. Snow shoe races, winter BBQs a week long festival incorporating the fun of the old sports day like activities only winter oriented and a cultural festival filled with traditions	5	2 1	contest
151	Perhaps a dog sled race around the River Valley...	5		contest

152	I think for me what would make me fall in love with winter in edmonton if there were more activities/ festivals that they could have indoor or outdoor that isnt just for little kids. events for adults and teens to go to with the family something besides crafts something like the fringe were the whole family can enjoy not just kids . my name is jennifer garbutt im from edmonton and im 20 I think this is a fantastic idea! Let's make winter fun in the city. I don't have any one idea but I think anything that is free entertainment outside is great. Maybe create a huge igloo and have concerts in it with a beer garden and kids entertainment on the weekend. Also the city could create a huge skating rink that is open to the public for free. I have moved here from Toronto and Toronto is very good with always having some sort of festival or event on for free in the city. More festivals and events brings the city together and will make people want to visit Edmonton	5		contest
155	I think it would be a great idea to add to the Metropolis idea by having an ice hotel with perhaps a church where people could get married on Christmas Eve or Valentine's Day! Then we could be the romantic winter city.	5	3	contest
157	A festival like Winter [unreadable] w/activities like saw cutting, log pulls, check out Rendering in the Yukon. A party w/events	5		postcard
158	PLEASE!!!! Allow dog sledding! [drew a picture of a sled dog]	5		postcard
177	- Biggest snow ball contest - A hot chocolate stand - Funding schools for winter parades - Pjs for the Poor - Winter fashion show - more winter festivals - signs of fun to welcome you in - carige rides - skiing activities - ice playgornd - ice hotel - fire pits and benches - a snow valley	5	3 8	postcard
179	Try movies on the Square! Those are great in Summer. Thanks	5	4 2	postcard
184	- Bring more winter activities to South west Edmonton. A lot of activities are located centrally. We loved the Snow Valley Baba-yoga walk that was Part of the Winterlight Festival for a couple of years.	5	6	postcard
185	Outdoor festivals where you must move around which would help people stay warm. Watching concerts or movies get real cold real quick.	5		postcard
187	I have enjoyed the winter light activities over the last few years. I would like to see more activities and some centered throughout different communities instead of of at Churchhill Square or whyte avenue.	5	6	postcard
189	- ice Slide - beautiful bright lights and colors - snowman building contests - winter olympics for kids - longer winter break - ice sculpture - ice and snow museum - Christmas Movies playing outside	5	6 2	postcard
197	Edmontonian Woman With a Warm Heart. Street Hockey Downtown - The recent Alberta Ave winter festival closed off the street for street hockey and was very successful. Could we close a portion of a downtown street that has no through access or could be closed with no real negative effect on traffic flow (e.g. portion of 102 Street N of Jasper, etc) for similar activities during the week? A week or two. Maybe even flood portions of it to get outdoor ice. There are 1000's of workers in the downtown, you only need a few to use it regularly, especially over the lunch hour to make a go of it. Provide nets, simple barriers	5	2	IdeaScale
205	Ice Bar festival - Allow and encourage an ice bar festival/week where bars can create an outdoor ice bar and have an outdoor patio area to enjoy the ice drinks on The mini muk tuk - a winter aboriginal / tur trade based outside event. Events could be things like: making a fire and boil some tea (a race) , snow shoe races, tall tales, round dance, orienteering, snow sculptures, snow soccer (Inuit used to play under the northern lights with a skin ball), snow angel comp....there is no end to the possibilities. It will bridge the urban aboriginal affairs committee with Edmontonians and build understanding!	5	3	IdeaScale
208	Neighbourhood Snowman Competition - Organize a city wide competition to see which neighbourhood has the best snow man art. One option is teams can compete locally one day and the best from each neighbourhood can compete for winter winner award. Another option is to expand the competition to other winter activities.	5		IdeaScale
209	Aboriginal / First Nations Festival - I've always thought that this city needs to properly celebrate its first nations heritage. My idea would see a large festival, a massive central teepee city, and presentations by indigenous thought leaders from around the World. Think TedX meets Heritage Days, housed in warmed but winter styled event facilities in Churchill Square, Fort Edmonton and the Rosedale lands. Include local educational aspects for school children, food and culture celebrations, and top it off with a large sponsored awards program, which recognizes successful aboriginal thought leaders, community leaders, entrepreneurs and artists. Let's give the urban aboriginal population a reason to be proud of Edmonton, and where they fit in our history. Let's show the World how we can celebrate diversity as part of the fabric of our city.	5		IdeaScale
214	Downtown Winter Light Contest - Just like we do with our homes, have businesses and office towers compete by lighting up their entrances/street fronts for Dec/Jan. Not necessarily a Xmas theme or style, but perhaps in a more artistic or creative manner to help illuminate our darkest months	5	6	IdeaScale
216		5	6	IdeaScale
217		5	6	IdeaScale
219		5	6	IdeaScale

	IglooFest - Dance Party in your one-piece Ski Suit? Already hosted in Montreal - This should come to Edmonton. We have the promoters to do it and already attract big name DJs / Electronic Artists! IglooFest: "You are invited to the kingdom of the igloo where you are promised the best artists of the electronic scene, a unique and compelling architectural scenography, a hilarious contest snowsuit "one piece" and an electrifying atmosphere that will surely generate the hottest nights of winter!"	5	IdeaScale
224	Winter Food Festival (seasonal, local food) - Challenge our great restaurants to create seasonal, local dishes/menus for a month a la Fork Festival	5	3
226	Dog sledding in one of the river valley parks - I would love to have the opportunity to go dog sledding within the city as the only opportunities for this a far outside of the city. I'm sure many others would also love this opportunity as it may never be possible for them otherwise. I myself have had Siberian huskies which are amazing dogs to interact with and can teach people about working as a team	5	IdeaScale
227	International Winter Light Video Projection Competition - Hold the world's first ever Winter International Video Mapping Competition in Downtown Edmonton. Check out this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wur5NMJNfc&feature=player_embedded . The idea would be to choose 5-6 blank-walled buildings downtown on an easy walking route whereby citizens and visitors could stroll during the winter evening / night, vote at heated hot chocolate / cider ice bar or patios, sample food-truck along the way, socialize, window shop and or attend other winter events running concurrently or later that night. International designers would compete under the common theme of winter. Corporate sponsors could donate buildings, labour, transportation, volunteers, etc. demonstrating goodwill and pride in our community. This event would be free and accessible to all Edmontonians, could be held over the course of several nights and publicize our city nationally, and internationally.	5	6
230	Climate Oriented Design Awards - I would encourage a significant award for buildings and developments that utilized the principles of climate oriented design in their final products	5	IdeaScale
235	Yugikassen tournament - Put together a Yugikassen tournament (japanese snowball/dodgeball) in a prime location, perhaps Telus field. Have different divisions all the way up to professional/international	5	2
243	Festive Lighting - Let's face it - it gets dark here so freaking early! The Leg extended its holiday lighting this year, which was great. I'd like to see more festive lighting around the city from Nov-Feb (not just Christmas lighting), say perhaps some strands of white lights, around the pathways of river valley parks like Ezio Faraone Park, or the High Level Bridge, River Valley Road, to name a few areas, and other high-traffic pedestrian areas. Let's brighten up the magic of winter	5	6
247	Snowshoe Treasure Hunt - Geocache in the river valley. Explore the river valley on snow shoe and find hidden treasures. This could be self organized or a formal event	5	IdeaScale
249	Outdoor Festival of Trees - Bring the Festival of Trees concept outside and challenge artists, sponsored by companies, to create beautiful, decorated trees outdoors.	5	IdeaScale
251	Winter Zoo Fest - a lot of people do not even know the zoo is open in the winter. advertise the zoo and what is there, have sleigh rides past the attractions, ice skating, snow man contests, ice sculpture contests, free hot chocolate with your admission ticket. information booths for skiing and snow boarding (perhaps offer lessons) to draw in the younger people	5	2
252	Festival du Voyageur - Edmonton may be the Festival City, but Winnipeg is the place to be every February for the worlds largest kitchen party. There's no need to reinvent the wheel, the Festival du Voyageur has been embracing winter for over 40 years. As an elementary student in Winnipeg's east end, I experienced my first dog sled ride, downed a bowl of pea soup, and made my own ceinture fléchée to show off at home. Check out their site: http://festivalvoyageur.mb.ca/ Edmonton may not have the same strength of connection to the voyageurs as Winnipeg, but the fur trade certainly did reach us, and was a key factor in this area's history	5	IdeaScale
253	International Ice Music Festival - Edmontonians should celebrate music influenced by, and made from Winter. Acts could include everything from indigenous music from Canadian aboriginals in the territories, international acts from places like Russia and Iceland and, my fave, performances on instruments made from ice. See link for utter awesomeness: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHtfNUQYal&feature=player_embedded	5	IdeaScale
258	Dog Sled Races - To use some of the park areas for learning more about dog sled racing	5	IdeaScale
261	Ski Doo Racing or Quad Ice Racing - We are a racing community - work with the various clubs to bring racing out in the winter as well	5	IdeaScale
262		5	IdeaScale

270	Lifestyle changes to enjoy Edmonton year-round! - Rather than hosting one or two events that only last a few days, I'd be more interested in making winter...all six months of it...more livable. Clean (safe) sidewalks, heated bus stops, well-lit sidewalks and trails. How great would regular farmer's markets be in winter and summer? It would be awesome to see outdoor heated patios with blankets serving mulled wine. Why not run outdoor movies in Churchill Square during the winter months too? Let's take all the fabulousness of Edmonton summers, and modify them so they also work in winter! Then we don't have to count down the weeks until summer comes back.	5	4	IdeaScale	
272	Fashionable Slogan Contest - Changing attitudes must first start within and takes time. If we inspire the youth of today in developing a personal sense of pride in our winter (versus something we must overcome), we can help shape the parents and leaders of tomorrow and future activities. Something as simple as creating some memorable tag lines that could be printed and re-sold on tee-shirts (similar to the "We are Canadian" campaign) can be infectious. Instead of making the cold a negative stigma that we are trying to distance ourselves away from, let's celebrate it as a badge of honour. A contest could be set-up for individuals to come up with memorable slogans (something like "Edmonton - largest northern city in the World, -40°C and we love it) that individuals would be proud to wear	5	3	IdeaScale	
277	Sliding Competition - Bring your GT's, toboggans, tubes and all other types of sliding equipment. Freestyle event for those daring few but a speed and distance race for all the rest. Enter by age category. Provide seating for viewing pleasure and a place to rest in between races. Mill Woods would be a great place to host such an event	5	2	IdeaScale	
278	snowmobile park in the city - all we'd need is open field, some hills, maybe in the river valley... [there was a negative comment to this one]	5		IdeaScale	
283	Surprise Wedding Reception in Churchill Square - Surprise YEG Winter City wedding receptions in Churchill Square for random couples? NY City does it! A random couple married in a civil ceremony is spontaneously asked to share the warmth and join a surprise wedding reception set up in the square near city hall. In N.Y.C., this is supported by the Mayor's Office and Improv Everywhere: see: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lVS22y4uoU&feature=player_embedded A simple shelter in the square, such as a Metropolis pavilion, could be used to protect the couple, their family and friends, along with the local improv group and reception participants from the elements (the City Hall Foyer would be back-up locale). No matter the weather, this event could occur once or twice per month all winter long. Share the warmth of spontaneous giving & sharing in our Winter City!	5		IdeaScale	
284	been involved in both Winter Light and this year's Metropolis. It seems like everyone is trying to help Edmonton have a fun and active winter and running into all sorts of problems in doing so. I really think you need to begin with the architecture and the zoning. Little things like: is there a non Starbucks coffee shop or small restaurant in my community (no) in the next one that I could maybe bike to in the summer? (yes) that I could send my 10 and 12 year old alone on bikes to? (no because they need to cross 2 major roads to do so). Small problems like this occur all the time in Edmonton. where can people go shopping near their home? Is it a 10 minute walk or a 10 minute drive? I used to live in Japan and every old district in Tokyo has a shotengai- a shopping street. There you will find your community regulars, mothers, the elderly and others who can't drive or take transit easily. It bonds people. So a lot of what Edmonton lacks is only amplified or made impossible by winter, but is still lacking in summer. As long as city planning highlights transportation (vehicle) networks over building neighbourhoods with basic amenities in them, North by Northwest - Alternative music festival catering to up and coming, as well as established alternative music [duplicate: also posted under Winter Cities category]	5	7	3	email
289	Winter Free Admission Day - Much like the free admission day in the summer the city could open the Zoo, Fort Edmonton, John Janzen, etc to the public for fun winter activities. Winter animals at the zoo, sleigh rides and snowmen at the Fort, snowshoeing and animal tracks at John Janzen. Live music at Hawrelack park for ice skating. Even working with Snow Valley to run free that day and encouraging community leagues to offer up the rinks to non-members	5	2	IdeaScale	
293	Winter Festival!!!! The City of Festivals needs a big one during winter outside. The Edmonton Folk Fest proves that locals here love the concept of some good music and food outside. I think we shouldn't lose our festival culture because of some snow. People don't stop working because of the snow, so who's to say that they won't do the same in the cold winter? I think because we don't give locals the option of doing things outdoors that does not include snow sports (which is great), we tend to stay home for the most part. I think an inexpensive way to get people together and outside and enjoying themselves from Dec-June is creating outdoor food and music canopies. I travel every winter and go to even colder cities (yes, call me crazy), but I find that people are enjoying themselves just as much may it be drinking mulled wine from little stand or pasties (I'm sure we can be creative and have perogies/prezels) while listening to either buskers or paid musicians. I've also experienced outdoor screens for old films. I think Churchill Sq. would be an amazing spot for something like that. I think art and food culture is of common interest to most people and we definitely have	5	3	6	contest

298	<p>We should have a giant "EDMONTON" community NEON skating PARTY!!!! All skating venues, black lights and MUSIC!!! Contest idea get the people involved through social media. We could ... have all people submitting snowmen and snow forts in a city wide competition for the best and most creative and get the families out active togetherand even have businesses enter !</p>	5	6	contest	
300	<p>Hi, I have an idea of how we could make Edmonton into a Winter Wonderland City. I would hold a week or even a long weekend winter carnival every February or early March with daily events. Perhaps some of the events can be held downtown town Edmonton and some all over the city. You would have an ice rink, carnival rides, horse carriage or hay rides. Sledding. Events for families to participate in. Winter contest such as snowshoe racing, log cutting, nail hammering, tea boiling, piggy back races, push me pull me competitions... winter events people can participate in. You would hold friendly hockey tournament. Hot chocolate, hot dogs, and maple syrup sticks. At the end of the carnival you could hold a family gathering with firecrackers or talent shows.</p>	5		contest	
307	<p>The idea of making edmonton the best winter city is: "MAKING WINTER MORE FUN" by: 1) City residents to be encouraged to have more fun with family, kids , friends and community 2) Special Winter Games for adults and kids 3) Enjoy cleanup, social work and a cup of hot beverages 4) More importance and attention to seniors/old/elders by providing thermal heat pads, shoes or socks to enjoy outdoors 5) Special post card invitations to friends in other cities to visit especially during winter and reward for visitors and sponsors 6) Special bus passes, bus promotion for winter to look around the city 7) More depots providing winter clothings, shoes and related accessories for free 8) Winter fashion dress contests in every community-every week / bi-weekly 9) Special visitor visas - quick and fast approvals - to reach their families 10) More pictures uploading, publishing ,spreading news all the world draws detailed attention. 1) Special website for voting -VOTE FOR EDMONTON :THE BEST WINTER CITY IN THE WORLD. To make Edmonton a better winter city there should be more free family activites.I live outside the city and the cost of gas and cost to go to events for a family of five is getting pricy,I love the city of Edmonton for the Oilers and Eskimos,How about starting a winterfest called Eskimoville!</p>	5	2	3	contest
311	<p>Hi. My idea... Alberta Ave has the Deep Freeze festival which is amaising! Why not do something like that in other communities throughout the city on weekends? It would showcase unique areas and likely increase business in those arees too!</p>	5	7	2	contest
315	<p>I think that to make Edmonton the world's leading winter city, is simple! We are already known for being Canada's Festival City. Why don't we use that to make our Winters more interesting? Having festivals every or almost every weekend during the winter (as we do in the summer), would make our city much more fun and fascinating. And it would give people something to do and look forward to on a weekly basis, to get passed those winter blues. Festivals don't always have to be outside - they can be inside, such as at Northlands or even maybe the Shaw Conference centre. Maybe even festivals related to winter sports, such as skiing or snowboarding. There are endless possibilities!</p>	5			contest
318	<p>Edmonton Winter - Survive, Thrive and Come Alive! I think we should stop trying to be so happy-go-lucky and all inclusive with our winter ideas. We need to celebrate our ruggedness and our hardiness. This can be incorporated by promoting Edmonton as a place where we embrace a pioneer/aboriginal identity of surviving, thriving and enjoying a place covered in snow for 6-8 months a year. We need to play this up with more of an element on toughness and ruggedness. We can have a festival dedicated to learning winter survival techniques, we can have a polar bear swim, etc. We also should incorporate more of an old world mystic to our festival and to our city - maybe we borrow from Nordic festivals of light and fire! Or incorporate an almost winter fairy theme with beautiful and elegant (yet mysterious) costumes and decorations. All of this is of course built around creating a festival and a city people want to flock to. So with the element of toughness, we incorporate a softer side "come alive" that lets people unwind after getting frosty.</p>	5			contest
320	<p>I think all the parks long the North Saskatchewan could use a face lift. There could be a winter festival in the parks lasting a week, with food stands, hot chocolate, apple cider. You could do a chili cook off contest with local restaurant chefs competing. A snow man building competition for kids. Because the parks all connect staring at Rundle Park would be best, and people can walk down the trail to the other parks. And a outdoor skating rink, with free skating would be great! Most of the time when we go to the park for a walk there isn't much going on there and they are just sitting there unused!</p>	5	6		contest
322	<p>Have horse drawn sleigh rides - ice sculpture done by local artists- (make a winter wonderland house)- Ferris wheel - snow mobile rides or races - ferry lights everywhere - ice palace skating type shows for free at Hawrelak Park- hot chocolate stands- warm up areas :)</p>	5	2		contest
324		5	2	3	contest

326	A winter children's festival would be wonderful. St. Albert has an outstanding children's festival at the end of May/beginning of June. A similar festival with a winter theme specifically for children would be fantastic. There are many great performance spaces downtown (Citadel, Winspear, City Hall, Library, inside the mall, Art Gallery, the Shaw Conference centre) as well as Churchill Square for tent activities, an outdoor display (ice carvings?) or slides. I believe families would welcome this kind of event and embrace it like they have the St. Albert festival	5	2	contest	
327	A Winter Jamboree! There are many music lovers in Edmonton and surrounding area that would welcome an indoor music festival in the dead of winter. Restaurants, hotels and clubs would all benefit. The event could be branded with a winter theme. This festival could be similar to Jazz City in that it would run at a variety of venues over the course of a couple days.	5	3	contest	
333	Attached is my submission for the Winter City Challenge. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. [Lindsay Lloyd attachment saved]	5		contest	
337	I wish we had a festival that had old fashioned games and kind along the idea of the Bonhomme festival in Quebec	5		contest	
345	Hello, I would like to make a couple of suggestions for Winter City. I was born in Harbin, China, the City of Ice. Harbin is a sister city of Edmonton, which shares the similar weather, especially during the winter season. Harbin has been hosting Ice Festival since 1980s, and it is famous for the spectacular ice sculptures. However, Harbin does not have much snow as Edmonton usually dose. Edmonton could set up Snow Festival in December and January. Fort Edmonton Park would be the perfect location since it is often closed during the winter season. Edmonton Zoo could be a part of festival, so is Hawrelak Park. The city could combine the Ice on Whyte, Silver Skater Festival and other winter festivals into one, Snow Festival. Edmonton is well-known for its volunteerism. It holds many world events over the years. I am sure once again there will be many wonderful volunteers helping out at Snow Festival.	5	6	contest	
351	Fort Edmonton Park is under used in the winter. More city events and programs should be held there during the winter. A theme could be developed surrounding "Life at the Fort in Winter.."	5		contest	
360	"Outdoor Nature" ice carving competition on Churchill Square. A display of local ice carving talent on Churchill Square is a great outdoor art exhibition to celebrate the winter season. With a theme of Winter Nature in the City it would encourage Edmontonians to strap on their snowshoes and take to the river valley trails to look for the wildlife that call Edmonton home. A brochure of winter wildlife watching would help to highlight spots of interest as the early nesting owls will be calling and there's lots of tracking skills can be learned to identify the activities of some of the more cryptic mammals.	5	6	2	IdeaScale
364	stagger events please! It's been a bit confusing trying to keep all the events straight. For instance, this January there was the ice festival and then Metropolis all at the same time. It makes more sense to do what we do in the summer by having one event after the other so that there are continual things to do throughout the winter and not a bunch of things only at one time	5			IdeaScale
379	Snowman building competitions.	5			postcard
385	More community engagement through Festival throughout the community leagues and a couple of flagship outdoor festival through the city.	5			postcard
387	I want to have more winter festivals in Edmonton. I want to improve snow removal service. I want to more community based programs to be developed.	5	7	4	postcard
389	Have a Taste of Edmonton with a large group of restaurants and include ice-making sculptures in the event.	5	3		postcard
398	activities and lots of love & city things that'll bring the society together.	5			postcard
401	more indoor festivals with more of an urban approach and skate rentals at the City Hall.	5	2		postcard
403	Ongoing activities in Churchill S. free hot chocolate.	5	3		postcard
413	Need to offer more events and fevitals in quadrants of the city versus downtown.	5			postcard
417	More community events.	5			postcard
418	Orientation to things you can learn to do in Edmonton in winter.	5	2		postcard
419	Snow festival.	5			postcard
425	Love events like Latitude's parka patio - do more of it.	5			postcard
426	Family Snowman building Competition (wo professional artists)	5			postcard
428	Winter Weekend Scavenger Hunt Collecting items from around the city (give out disposable camera's to each team) prizes for winners.	5			postcard
435	Carage rides all threw winter.	5			postcard
436	A get together where families can have a "sledding" festival.	5	2		postcard
437	Rio has "Carnival". Edmonton's (Free?) Winter Carnival at Hawrelak Park.	5			postcard
441	Road Hockey Tournaments.	5	2		postcard
445	More Winter Festivals	5			postcard
458	Make many celebrations and shows in the winter time.	5			postcard
459	a lot of families with children, wish that there would be more festival's designed for them whether their outside in a park or in the mall's.	5			postcard
461	Outside wiener roast	5			postcard
462	Best Snowman Contest	5			postcard

6 Public Art (ice sculptures, lighting, etc.)

Idea Codes

1	River Valley
2	Recreation/Sports
3	Services & Retail (food, clothing)
4	Placemaking (buildings, outdoor cafes, policies)
5	Festivals/Events
6	Public Art (ice sculptures, lighting, etc.)
7	Transportation
8	Other

5	I think we could make Edmonton the winter city, by having some ice sculptures near city hall, with (when the weather warms up) some tame outdoor rabbits for the people/kids to pet, Hot chocolate given out by the mayor at times, and a visit from Stephen Harper! I had an earlier idea just sent in, would like to add: Have Jim Cuddy from Blue Rodeo) come back to Edmonton for an outdoor performance downtown when it warms up, hot chocolate, and a personal meet and greet for me, for thinking it up. Thanks. And maybe a visit from the Great One, Wayne Gretzky, he could face off and play some hockey against Jim Cuddy. I've seen Jim Cuddy play hockey outdoors once on tv. I LOVED IT.	6	3	4	contest
37	having beautiful ice sculptures around the city would be amazing!	6			contest
72	ice sculptures. Ice Dragon festival. Fort Bilding contest.	6			postcard
90	Colouring the snow different Colours.	6			postcard
97	My idea is that you get people to make real ice and snow sculptures and put them up by stores and houses.	6			postcard
98	City Hall School brainstorming: Ice Palace/Ice sculpture, Good Holiday Place, Skating Rink/Hockey Rink, Skiing/Snowvalley/Sledding, Meeting friends/family, Diversity/holiday traditions, Winter Parades, School holidays/free time, Exploring Edmonton, Staying inside in the warm w/family, Heated sidewalks, Going to movies/parties, Hot Chocolate, Snowland mall, Snowpark (benches, sculptures), Sightseeing centre Winter feasteval with lots of new foods to try like snow and maple syrup. Ice sculpters like an Ice castle that you can go in, light shows	6	5		CHS diary
125	in a dome, Ice slides , maple leaf ice sculpting	6	3	5	postcard

150	I love the ice sculptures ice skating at city hall the outdoor carnivals for the kids horse draw sleigh rides snow shoeing. Thank you for asking for my opinion	6	5	contest
191	A huge ice fort for kids and adults.	6		postcard
199	- winter park - Hill - Slide - ice rink - ice scuppring - tobogening	6	2	postcard
206	How about something like this from Europe - a ski hotel/warm up igloos in river valley [photo attached] We could build Canada's largest igloo.. It's easy to build but with the city's support we could build the largest igloo and if we have time get local artist to submit ice sculpted furniture and decorations!!	6	1	contest
207		6		contest
240	Winter Gallery - Let's turn the sides of downtown buildings into the largest local Art Gallery ever. Using projectors, each building could become the gallery of one artist, and selected pieces of their work could be rotated gradually throughout every evening during the 'show.' Each building/gallery could be sponsored by a local business, possibly recovering most, if not all of the costs of the project. A three-person team of curator, graphic designer and technician could install and maintain the entire exhibit. Costs would be low and (as above) potentially recoverable. Given enough warning, artists could even be encouraged to develop art that is customized for their 'canvas.' This is a very affordable way to dress up our city at night, promote more foot traffic in winter evenings, and celebrate/promote local artists and businesses.	6		IdeaScale
267	Outdoor ICE Museum a la Madame Tussaud - I'm thinking local celebs!	6		IdeaScale
279	Snow Graffiti - lets think of cool ways to decorate the snow...	6		IdeaScale

297	<p>What would make me fall in love with winter in Edmonton? Lights, lights, and more lights. Twinkly lights on boulevard trees, park trees, lit snowflakes on street posts, and anywhere they could be put up. Well lighted trails and streets for strolling and walking to encourage those to get outdoors even if it is dark out. Light shows in parks and open areas with picnics and weiner roasts. Light shows combined with music!! There are some parts of the city that are nicely lit and when you enter them you just can't help but smile. With all the darkness we must endure during our long winters, it would be nice to showcase the light in our lives for the whole season. The Day the lights get turned on can be made into a special event...tons of ideas would evolve and take off. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my response.</p> <p>BEST IDEA: "THE PICTURES REFLECT THE CITY" SO ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS OF EDMONTON TO TAKE PICTURES EVERY WINTER YEAR WITH FAMILY AND FRIEND'S , GET TOGETHER'S OR SOCIAL COMMUNITY WORK AND UPLOAD SOAS TO SPREAD THE WORLD TO SHOW HOW THE CITY ENJOY THE COOL..... SEASON. (A REWARD PROGRAM FOR UPLOADING ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE)</p>	6	contest		
310	<p>I hav e attached a few of my winter paintings which are Edmonton in winter.If you would care to see more pls email me I have enough of these paintings for a show. Could be used as postcards</p>	6	contest		
312	<p>I think to make Edmonton more of a top leading winter city....would be to incorporate snowflakes and mini lights into the decorating...who doesn't like a snowflakes.. Also outdoor skating is so fun and brings families together....brings back some of the old childhood memories. Have one huge skating rink....with it decorated with mini lights and snowflakes everywhere...maybe have a coffee/hot choc bar...where people can go to gather...incorporate "Family Activities"... people thing we live in Eskimos...somehow we could fit that in too..lol...just a few ideas</p>	6	2	3	contest

334	<p>Edmonton City of Winter Lights on Winter Nights Lights - lots of lights - would make me fall in love with Edmonton in winter. Think Candy Cane lane on steroids - Think celebrating the blues and greens of the auroral lights and making these colours the colours that represent this city in the form of lights in well used public recreation spaces. That these colours and the aurora become the emblem of this city. Lights along River Road, through the ravines that are walked in the winter, lights along the area below Louise McKinney Park and in Hawlerak Park. This would make people smile during winter. I was blown away with the crowds that turned up at Mill Creek (my home turf) for their winter extravaganza and many people were simply marveling at how the lighting made them feel. I also think having some kind of way to skate on the North Saskatchewan River (like they do for the long races in Holland) would also make me happy</p>	6	contest	
336	<p>Good Day. My suggestion to make Edmonton a more attractive and beautiful city in the winter is to capitalize on a natural phenomenon to brighten our city. It is dark in Edmonton for most of the day in winter. We are a northern city and need to stop apolozing for it. Let's use our location and imagination to our advantage. People are fascinated by the Northern Lights. If Edmonton were to use energy efficient lights to mimic the colours of the Northern Lights our city could be transformed for both its citizens and visitors as a new attraction could potentially be created. I propose that lights be fixed to the top of bridges such as the High Level and the new Walterdale Bridge. More bridges could be added as money would permit. These lights could be set to radiate colourful lights similar to the Northern Lights. If money permits, the lights could be programmed to create different sequences and patterns that could be repeated over a certain time frame. I also suggest that similar lights be positioned at the highway entrances to the city. The lights could be clustered together near the signs that already welcome people to Edmonton or if we want to dream bigger, we could have</p>	6	contest	
344	<p>Illuminated ski trails for the cross country skiers. There are many trails that would get more use if they were lit up.</p>	6	2	contest

348	Winter snow caste at Churchill square	6		contest
	The lights on the AGT/Telus building downtown during the Christmas season are very special and create a sense of holiday and winter spirit. Challenge downtown buildings to light up their	6		contest
350	buildings in a similiar fashion during the holiday season	6		contest
355	Ice sculpture park	6		contest
	Colour, colour and more colour. The new design for the downtown area has come out. It may just be the format of the drawings but the building is grey and silver, just like the downtown art gallery. We are a winter city with white snow, grey roads/sidewalks and yellow/brown "grass" for more than a third of the year. Let's at least try to add colour to any new buildings/structures that go up.			
363	The contrast on a cold, clear winter day would be striking Light up tne League. How about a program that provides tree strings of LED white lights to interested community leagues to light up either their buildings or trees ? it adds such a festive look to community parks and buildings during low light conditions. it could be an event each league could champion to encourage volunteers in a community based beautification effort with a 'welcome to winter' message	6	4	IdeaScale
372	Lights twited up poles for winter.	6		IdeaScale
374	Snowman on front lawns.	6		postcard
375	Ice sculptures as stret decorations.	6		postcard
376	Holiday lights on all commercial strips.	6		postcard
377	light up community competitions, parades.	6		postcard
378	Lights during the whole winter season.	6		postcard
380	Outdoor temporary art installations + projections (and have a fun party to go with it! With drinks! And fires!) (+ dj's)	6	5	postcard
383	winter lights key downtown ereas. Educating newcomers about winter. More winter events. Concerts. Festivals. Better snow removal system. Outdoor instlations.	6	5	postcard
391	I want more colour around.	6		postcard
392	It would be great for our City to introduce a month of ice sculpture	6		postcard
393	for the kids to enjoy in winter.	6		postcard

397	More light decorations and imagery pertaining to winter e.g. snowflakes, snowman, etc.	6		postcard
405	The activities. The lights. The cultures they bring us.	6	5	postcard
408	Ice City like the one in China each year.	6		postcard
411	Make huge snow sculpters in all parks for anyone to Play on.	6		postcard
412	Urban design should incorporate Light, street access, wind protection.	6	4	postcard
415	Snow Sculptures Throughout the City.	6		postcard
	Historical artifacts from the AGA, AB Archives, and UofA Collections displayed in more public areas, as teasers for the collections and galleries at large (ie. Cool Stuff exhibition @ Enterprise Sq. Berkebeiner, Ice Carving, Metropolis, and other FEstivals and Events are a great Start! expanded winter garden facilities of the Muttart Conservatory ilk: accessible via downtown. festivals linking a walking friendly downtown, Whyte Ave, 124 St. Alleyways utilized as 4-season seating areas for cafes where possible. Thanks! MultiCultural Centre at a Notable area. To make Edmontonians aware of different cultures. Thanxs!	6	3	postcard
422		6		
432		6		postcard
451	More ice Sculptures	6		postcard

7 Transportation

18	Friendly, warm bus stops that act as 'Third Spaces'. There must be opportunities to partner with local businesses to integrate bus stops with coffee shops, book stores, cafes, etc. Perhaps the City leases space from private landowners, or gives tax breaks to private owners.....anything to expand the footprint of bus stops and to grant transit users access to a warm and inviting place to wait for the bus.	7		contest	
22	map out key routes for pedestrians and cyclists in Edmonton and identify routes and connections that will be maintained year round to allow kids to get to school, people to walk to transit, bike routes for commuting and great recreational walks. Currently different departments in the City have different maintenance priorities in terms of helping people move around in winter I would fall in love with edmonton's winter if every bus estation in the entire city would have heaters, because when you have to wait for transportation in the winter, in a very low temperature, in the interperie, it is not fun and makes me do not want to go out of my house.	7		contest	
33	Safe sidewalks. I love the idea of having lots of fabulous winter activities for Edmontonians and visitors. However, we need to have a comprehensive strategy for cleaning snow off the sidewalks. We want moms with stollers, people with mobility challenges and seniors who are afraid of falling to be able get out of their homes so that they can attend these events and participate in community life. Let's make our city as safe as possible for everyone in Winter!	7		contest	
48	submit ideas for making Edmonton a more attractive winter city. So, I'm writing to you because there was something about how winter is treated in the world's winter cities, on one of the radio talk shows today. And, as well I came across this item on the internet: http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/initiatives_innovation/wintercity-history.aspx . If our city is to be more attractive in winter, (1) why don't we already have electric coils heating at least some of our downtown sidewalks, as apparently is the case in Norway's city of Oslo? Also, (2) apparently, in Oslo and other Norwegian cities (being winter cities), buildings are painted in livelier colors. (3) Our city, not being blessed by nature most of the year, has too much beige, black and gray. So, (4) likely we need to have more colorful bldgs., etc., (5) with more neon-type signage to brighten the surroundings. (3) And, (6) perhaps it's time to jazz up downtown with more focus on zoning, i.e. beginning with an ethnic-themed street, with restaurants, bars, etc., but following a theme? Not helter-skelter like is now the case. Edmonton can do much more than up to now.	7	8	IdeaScale	
64	congratulations on your efforts to date in transforming Edmonton into the great northern city we are capable of. As both a proud Edmontonian and on behalf of EIA and our interest in driving more inbound passenger demand into the Edmonton region, please consider me a resource to your Think-Tank and Winter City initiatives going forward. IMPORTANT. Similar to how Quebec City has maximized it's geographic strengths and aligned it's infrastructure with it's tourism products in mind, I'm very interested to learn how we can maximize our own beautiful river valley and create and build tangible tourism products that can be promoted to the world. Although we'll create products and experiences unique to our own community, with a proven Quebec City template and other tangible examples of success, I'm genuinely excited about the possibility of.... · Toboggan hills just off the Shaw Conference Centre similar to the Quebec City experience adjacent to the St. Lawrence River & Chateau Frontenac ; · Outdoor skating experiences similar to the Rideau Canal ; · Great energy and quality of life from culinary, shopping & outdoor river valley world. Some of those cities, like Oslo, Norway, embrace winter wholeheartedly. I heard on a radio talk shown, Feb. 21st, that Oslo has heated sidewalks throughout its downtown core area. Thus, people enjoy being outdoors during the cold winter months. We shouldn't be of a mindset that we're alone in all of this. We are a very young city and should pay attention to what has been successful in more mature cities. We should not hesitate to learn and then act on what it is we learned. Having said the above, downtown Edmonton's core area lacks ambience. When there is no ambience, folks stay away. We should have figured that out by now. It is very important to note that zoning is virtually non-existent in that whole area bordered by 97th Street (south of Chinatown to Jasper Ave.), and by 106th Street, at the other end. Any big city is much more interesting if it's zoned into business, shopping and entertainment areas. Of course, there has to be some sort of incentive to attract businesses, shops, restaurants, theatres, etc. into the very centre. Perhaps via some tax breaks, especially initially. And, the core area is in dire need of brighter Horse drawn carriage rides	7	4	6	email
65		7	2		email
66		7	3		contest
85		7	5		postcard

100	By ensuring that the sidewalks as well as roads were maintained by making travelling less slippery/dangerous for many, including the elderly, whether it be plowing sooner after snowfall or salting the streets more thoroughly.	7		postcard
101	When I walk down Edmonton streets I NOTICE they are dirty, especially in winter. The mail boxes, bus stops, flower beds, even sidewalks are covered in filth. If the City of Edmonton took more involvement in cleaning the city in winter it would be more enjoyable for everyone.	7		postcard
109	Put gravel on street & sidewalk how just a normal winter day of doing errands can lead to something promising. Let me elaborate. Today I went to pay some bills dressed appropriately for winter, hat, mitts and boots and off I went. Well 9 am this morning in front of a business that I was entering, I slipped on a huge patch of ice. Landed hard on my side, stiff this evening and who knows the weeks to follow. I am thankful I didn't break my neck. I love Edmonton and proud to raise my family here. I am aware of the stations in Edmonton that provide free sand to communities so they can sand their walks for the safety of postal workers and all residents. Why doesn't the city also provide stations where individuals/business owners can get free salt to take care of the entrances to their businesses. Being a realist I am aware that it will cost the city more money. But what about the monies that the city is paying for Health Care for individuals who have fallen and broken arms, legs, wrists, ankles and backs. I would believe if a study was done the city would benefit hugely in the long run. Edmonton is a great city, hockey capital of Canada (In my opinion), skiing, skating - great winter sports so I	7		postcard
111	Melt all the snow early	7		contest
115	Heavily armed snowplows destroying illegally parked cars. skating at Hawrylak Park (already do that)	7		postcard
131	Heated bus shelters + gps on buses	7		postcard
134	ENVISION LIGHTS MORE. ICE SKATING WITH CANDLES. BICYCLE COMUTERS WITH LIGHTS. FREE MITTS + TOUQUES 4 ALL	7	3 6	postcard
139	Edmonton Transit should be able to come in to Entrance of the building. Why aren't they doing this	7		postcard
160	Free bus rides on Saturday & Sunday once a month	7		postcard
164	HEATED [underlined] BUS STOPS THAT TELL YOU EXACTLY WHEN THE NEXT BUS IS COMING!	7		postcard
196	Pedestrian Sidewalks, Heated Patios - Sidewalks & Public spaces - We need to pay more attention to creating inviting, public pedestrian streets and places downtown that are inviting, safe, and attractive for businesses and people. Generous sidewalks, attractive street elements, and attention paid to pedestrian crossings at intersections. Patios - Encourage restaurants and pubs to have patios year-round, including heat lamps and blankets for patrons. Allow mulled wine to be served by vendors in designated corners. In effect, putting more money in to the pedestrian street realm using good urban planning 'best practices' will go a long way to encouraging winter activity on the streets downtown!	7	4	IdeaScale
213	Walkable Communities - We really need walkable communities in which people encounter one another - in summer and winter. It is very important to make sidewalk clearing a municipal responsibility. No matter how much rhetoric we have about "winter city," this policy of off-loading sidewalk safety onto individual property owners tells a louder and more telling truth. We don't care. I still think people should be encouraged to get out and clear away snow and ice, but the city needs an effective, prompt sidewalk safety program, and my snow shovel should not be considered effective in this respect. I suggest that we aim for no more than two to three weeks between November and April during which sidewalks cannot be safely used by people who have difficulty walking	7	4	IdeaScale
233	Bike Share (like Bixi bike) but with studded tires for snow/ice! - It would be great to encourage winter bicycle commuting by having system of bike stations that one can rent/borrow bikes with studded tires for safe winter riding! This could also encourage biking in the river valley trail network too!	7		IdeaScale
236	Reliable/very frequent bus service - To encourage people to use public transit, particularly when it is cold outside, it would be brilliant to have "extra frequent" bus/LRT service. Buses every 5 mins. This would mitigate any time waiting outside in the frigid cold. More often than not, we have the opposite service [infrequent/unreliable] bus service in the winter	7		IdeaScale
238	Winter Driving 101 Course - Beneficial for new drivers, those new to Edmonton winters, and those just needing a refresher on winter driving, these courses would help keep our roads safer	7		IdeaScale
241	indoor (third space) bus stops - partner with/provide tax breaks to private landowners/existing businesses to encourage development of 'thid space' bus stops. Cafes, bookstores, libraries.. - all can incorporate warm and safe places to wait for the bus!	7		IdeaScale
244		7		IdeaScale

	Pedestrian-friendly Core - Downtown Edmonton has some great walkable areas (like 104 St and Jasper) that are well-used in the summer. I think it would be great to designate some of these areas as pedestrian only, and encourage walking traffic by installing heaters and awnings to trap the heat. The more we cater to pedestrians, the more vibrant our street life - and local economy - becomes. Imagine having a coffee on a heated patio at Credo year-round, or just enjoying a warmed-up stroll along Jasper Ave on a crisp winter night. By taking the bite out of the cold, the increased pedestrian traffic would help to make our city streets safer and encourage more support of our local businesses	7		IdeaScale
245	pedways - in fact that the recent LRT station at Southgate does not connect to the mall is ridiculous, given our climate. Similarly, new construction downtown should always include ways to link buildings. I'd love to see an intricate network of above-ground pedways like Calgary's +15 or Minneapolis, MN's. Anyone who says pedways are not pedestrian-friendly has never actually walked outdoors in the winter. I actually walk-about more (and shop more) when I'm connected by an indoor route	7		IdeaScale
254	Transit - Heaters at popular bus stops that have power when it drops below x degrees, with button to turn on for heat for x number of minutes	7		IdeaScale
256	Warm Kids Program - On cold days, single parents pushing strollers is very unexpectable. Starting a program where free rides would be given to grocery shop, daycare, school, etc for parents who do not have the means to commute with there young children. seeing that there are only a few weeks worth of exteamely cold days in Edmonton im sure this program could and would be very succesful. Edmonton is a warm and welcoming city. this would only inhance the cities reputation and bring a more caring and compassionate feel to the people	7		IdeaScale
276	Snowshoecity - market unplowed areas beside sidewalks as snow shoe routes	7	2	IdeaScale
281	transit - make transit free on the coldest days of the year (almost like a celebration when the temperature drops below a certain number... below 25C maybe?)	7		IdeaScale
286	snow on sidewalks. I am in a wheelchair, living by the U of A, and it seems like I have problems with snow on sidewalks every year, and more than once I have had issues with Bylaw not taking my complaint. As I understand it, Bylaw will not take complaints until 48 hours after the last snowfall. My problem is this: this rule set by Bylaw seems to be in effect even if there was only a light dusting of snow. This means for me that even if there was already several inches of snow on a sidewalk, as long as it snowed even a millimetre, Bylaw will not do anything about it. This morning I was wheeling to work down 87 avenue toward 109 street, past University of Alberta Graduate Residence and the next block, which is houses and a single low-rise apartment building. Along these two blocks, I fell twice. The first was in front of Graduate Residence and fortunately 2 city workers rushed to help me. I could see from the tracks that a snowplow had been run down the sidewalk, but the snow was not removed. There is perhaps 4-5 inches of snow with gravel on top of it. My front wheels dug into this soft snow and sent me and my laptop flying. I called Graduate Residence and they are	7		email
303	I would like to see the City of Edmonton provide funds to purchase snow making equipment for Goldbar Park. This park is used extensively for both recreational skiing and for training by competitors. There is often not enough snow during the winters to provide for a good ski season. It would like to see the purchase and operation of snow making equipment to provide a much longer ski season to keep this activity going for as long as possible each winter	7	2	contest
305	Heated roads thru out the city to melt all the snow	7		contest
313	In several European cities they have heated streets throughout the downtown core in Oslo, watch the Doc Zone story on this. They even talk about how the benefits cover the cost of the power used. http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/Shows/Doc_Zone/1242299559/ID=2195057838 I like the Hot Spots and outdoor winter Terraces that are used all year long. So we should look to Oslo for inspiration. Imagine a whole new Edmonton starting with the downtown arena, after a hockey game having a beer at an outdoor terrace, shoppers stopping by hot spots with no graders or shoveling needed.	7	3	contest
321	Embrace Snow rather than make it dirty. We need to seriously reduce the sand and grit we put on our roads - I love Winter - but in the country not in the city where is dirty and a mess most of the year.	7	4	IdeaScale
369	Removal of snow needs to be improved.	7	4	postcard
388	Institute a new way to have the heat from the house channeled into the ground towards the pavements so that when it snows, it heats right away. This is how it is done in EUROPE! It works.	7		postcard
394	Snow removal in a timely manner.	7		postcard
395	we need clean roads. No parking along main roads.	7		postcard
396	If they extend the time on the bus transfers 1 half hour longer. 3 more Art in the Snow kind of festavils.	7		postcard
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404	better response time for snow removal. Better care of public sidewalks. More free activities outside (such as snowshoe trecks in the rivervalley where equipmnet is provided. Some type of publication that lists sledding hills, outdoor rinks, open trails for snowshoeing & x-country skiing. a way to check on ETS delays, to avoid long waits in the cold.	7	2	postcard
420	Enforce clean sidewalks.	7	4	postcard
431	More Faster clean up & removal of snow. If the City would get off thiers lazy asses there would be fewer accidents, also get after these people with pets Dogs/cats, who do nto pick up the animal poo! Get to work! See no one from City when road are bad! No logic to you people.	7	4	postcard
456	More and better bus shelters.	7		postcard
460	Snow cleared off streets and sidewalks. More outdoor activities.	7		postcard

8. Other

2	As I local resident, I would be thrilled to be a part of this experience and opportunity and thank you for your ability to allow for input. (see brochure in pdf format).	8		contest	
13	Public and Online Display of Winter Activity Thermal Meter (a.k.a.WinterMeter) where "the bar" goes up and down like a thermometer - where links to public or community events/ festivities/ activities in the Edmonton Area are triggered depending on the outside temperature (with Windchill factored in) -- links could be directed to websites or videos or social media sites or to venue ads. [more details in email] I believe that the one outstanding asset of Edmonton is the generosity of Edmontonians. So that in mind my suggestion is the following with the focus on supporting our local charities: dog sled races in the river valley, rundle park; snow fort building, classified by different categories, family, children, companies, etc.; staking races in Haweluk Park, again different categories; involve associations like YES, FoodBank, Inner City; solicit businesses for prizes.	8	1	5	contest
38	Edmonton. The challenge is to show others all the positives about this amazing season and how it can be embraced in this amazing city. I suspect that this contest will be receiving all kinds of suggestions on ways to make one fall in love with winter in Edmonton, some of the obvious being the festivals, activities, sports and cultural events. The media has such a powerful influence on how people feel during the day. My suggestion would be to work in cooperation with all media types who broadcast the weather for this city. We need a change in their attitude. They have such a powerful influence on how we feel about what's coming when they forecast the weather. Let's request that they portray all things winter in a POSITIVE manner. Snow, and cold, should not be treated as horrible 4 letter words, but instead should be broadcast as most welcome weather phenomenon. Cold weather in Edmonton almost always comes with incredibly sunny days that reflect the beauty of winter. Rosy cheeks and frosty eyebrows provide an image of good health and fun. Snow brings the obvious winter activities of skiing, snowboarding and tobogganing, and is also very necessary for Canada in my honest opinion. Though this year may seem to be a bit warmer than usual. But the perfect winter that is good enough to fall in love with for me comes in two ways. Why is that you ask? Because the winter in Edmonton fluctuates and it really depends on how you're feeling. If the weather is below -25 degrees Celsius, then my ideal winter would be to stay at home, sipping good green tea while playing my favorite video games. Just to relax. Don't get me wrong, just because I play video games and like the spend the day indoors does not make me boring. It's a way to relieve stress from over working and the small problems in my everyday life. That would be the perfect winter for me. Second is if the weather is higher than -25 degrees Celsius, I would take the time to go all around Edmonton and re-live what Edmonton has to offer me since the day I was born. This is when I feel a bit more adventurous! I would never get sick of going back to the Muttart Conservatory, the beloved famous West Edmonton Mall, Grab a ticket to watch the Oilers play a game, take my girlfriend to watch a theatrical show at citadel theatre, and the list can go on and on.	8			contest
61	wait and you will more snow	8			postcard
63	I am sure visitors won't come to Edmonton based on the attached chart, but many Edmontonians will/can identify with it! SNOW acronym chart (separate file)	8			contest
108	Nothing, you already Have nice and beautiful Receptionists.	8			postcard
153	Winter can be a focus, change the Attitude, can have a work (?) to get people's Attention, winter is not our problem	8			postcard
171	winter can be a focus, change the Attitude. Do get people's Attention - winter is not our problem	8			postcard
198	Ice Thickness Communication - This is a quick and simple idea. I'm told that the ice thickness is monitored daily on storm water lakes in the city, though that gets a little bit hard to believe when they have unknown ice thickness sign up even after a week of -30c. Create a website where people can go to check the current ice thickness at their local storm water lakes, and the date it was last updated, similar to how the city already has for the outdoor rinks around the city.	8			IdeaScale
203	Indoor Offleash Dog Park - I want a place where I can thoroughly exercise my dog on the coldest of winter day	8			IdeaScale
246	Marketing strategy - a thermometer with winter activities and numbers... For example instead of -10 you could have: -10 - skating at Hawrelak -15 sledding! -30 skating at local arena! People need ideas of what they can do in the winter - you could twin it with a "Get Off Your Couch" slogan! :)	8			contest
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353	Marketing strategy: DID YOU KNOW? Tell people what sorts of winter activities already exist; make them aware and proud of all the winter things there are to do in Edmonton already. We assume people know what there is to do in the winter in Edmonton - not so! One person I spoke to didn't know about Victoria Park; another didn't know arenas have drop in skating times	8		contest
356	Marketing strategy - Edmonton Toughen Up! Edmontonians love to complain about the cold weather to the point where it's ridiculous; many parents don't even let their children outside to play! A marketing campaign that encourages Edmonton to "Toughen Up" and embrace winter could have some impact. There is a funny (although rude...) Youtube video that encourages Australians to "Harden Up!" I think there is potential in this type of campaign; albeit a no swearing version.... you could encourage the "winter whiners" to get out and enjoy the season in a funny but pretty direct way. Here's the link - my apologizes for the swearing and the australian macho stuff - But I think the younger crowd will take to something similar... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mh6pZQX22CQ	8		contest
357	Marketing Strategy - a custom QR code that gives Edmontonians information of what to do in the city in the winter or that links them to a page where there is a list of snow/winter activities	8	5	contest
407	showers in women's change room are scalding hot!	8		postcard
455	When the trees are frosty. I really love them, they're like a snow branches.	8		postcard