



CITY POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: C588

REFERENCE:

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

ADOPTED BY:

City Council

SUPERSEDES:

New

PREPARED BY: Citizen Services

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TITLE: Winter Design Policy

Policy Statement:

Quality streetscapes and open spaces designed with a winter lens are foundational to creating a truly great winter and year-round city. Winter is a core part of Edmonton's identity and designing for winter conditions needs to be fully considered as our City grows and develops. Good northern urban design overcomes the challenges of the winter season, making the city more accessible, safe, aesthetically pleasing, and enjoyable year-round.

The City of Edmonton supports urban design that fully considers its winter context, maximizing the ability for residents to enjoy the city in all seasons. One of the ways it does this is through the implementation of the Winter Design Guidelines. These Guidelines provide a robust winter design lens for all development and redevelopment in the City.

The City supports the following five winter design principles across neighbourhoods, streets, sites and open spaces that will:

1. Incorporate design strategies to block prevailing winds and downdrafts;
2. Maximize exposure to sunshine through orientation and design;
3. Use colour to enliven the winterscape;
4. Create visual interest with lighting, while being mindful of density, spread and colour; and
5. Design and provide infrastructure that supports desired winter life and improves comfort in cold weather.

Applying a winter lens during early project planning and design stages will support a vibrant quality of life and contribute to the prosperity of our city. The following four outcomes will guide the design of new development and will be applied across the municipality to benefit the City, residents, private and public

sector city-builders and partners, and ultimately all Edmontonians:

1. Buildings are designed so that their impact on the public realm creates better microclimates, as well as public spaces that are more vibrant and inviting.
2. Streets are vibrant and attractive people-places in all seasons.
3. Parks and open spaces are used and enjoyed year-round.
4. Public spaces support outdoor winter programming, recreation and everyday winter life.

To realize the vision that we design for our dominant and defining season at all levels of city building, the City of Edmonton will:

1. Update and enact bylaws, procedures, policies, directives, processes, programs and standards.
2. Promote, collaborate, cooperate and partner with city-builders in both the public and private sectors.

The purpose of this policy is to:

Inform the planning and design of new development to achieve the outcomes and realize the vision of Edmonton as global model for winter city living and a world leader in cold-weather design.



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