

THE WAY WE LIVE

EDMONTON'S PEOPLE PLAN

Front Room Forum Discussion Guide

What is a Front Room Forum?

It's an innovative way for you and your friends, neighbours and/or service organization to participate in the public consultation process for *The Way We Live: Edmonton's People Plan*. Invite people to your home, a coffee shop or any comfortable gathering place and discuss Edmonton's people services and how those services will help make Edmonton one of Canada's most livable cities. Send in the results of your discussions and they'll be used to inform the creation of *The Way We Live: Edmonton's People Plan*.

This is your opportunity to help create Edmonton's People Plan. Add your voice and your views!

How can you participate?

<i>Step 1</i>	Set the date for your Front Room Forum
<i>Step 2</i>	<p>Invite your guests. Send them to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.edmonton.ca/TheWayWeLive for background information on Edmonton's People Plan. Ask them to view the videos, read the Who We Are report and look over this Discussion Guide. <p>Be one of the first 100 Edmontonians to register your front room forum and receive a coupon for pizza to assist in facilitating your discussion. Call 780-496-7898 to register.</p>
<i>Step 3</i>	<p>Hold your Front Room Forum.</p> <p>Discuss and answer the questions in this Discussion Guide.</p> <p>Record what you and your friends think are your key points either electronically on this form (save it to your computer) or print it off.</p>
<i>Step 4</i>	<p>Send the completed Discussion Guide to us:</p> <p>Email: TheWayWeLiveEdmonton@gmail.com</p> <p>FAX: 780-425-4615</p> <p>Mail: The Way We Live, c/o Strategy Plus, 9608 - 100 Street, Edmonton Alberta, T5K 0T6</p> <p>Drop Off: Edmonton City Hall, Main Floor, Citizen & New Arrival Information Centre</p>

Why hold a Front Room Forum?

Your views about Edmonton's people services will be used in the creation of a 10-year plan that will guide the City of Edmonton's investment in the people services and programs that contribute to Edmontonians' health, safety and well being.

Hosting a Front Room Forum is your opportunity to gather members of your service organization, community, friends, family or neighbours to talk about what's important to you when it comes to the people services that add to your quality of life in Edmonton.

To find out more, go to: www.edmonton.ca/TheWayWeLive

What are "people services?"

From recreation centres and parks to police and fire services, arts and cultural events, our people services contribute to our quality of life. Edmontonians have talked about the kind of city in which they want to live in many previous public consultations. The following are some of the outcomes Edmontonians have said they want from the people services provided:

- **Connectedness.** Edmontonians want livable, compact and complete communities in which most everything they need and want is close by, and the things that aren't are easily accessible by public transportation. A small majority of Edmontonians feel connected in their communities; however, opportunities to meet, celebrate and gather may help to create greater connections.

A complete community is one that is fully developed and meets the needs of the local residents through an entire lifetime. Complete communities provide certainty to residents on the provision of amenities and services, and include a range of housing, commerce, recreational, institutional and public spaces. A complete community provides a physical and social environment where residents can live, learn, work and play.
- **Safety / Crime Prevention.** Edmontonians feel that clean, connected communities where people know each other, support each other and participate in community events can play a significant role in crime prevention and the overall safety of the City.
- **Affordability.** Edmontonians want to ensure that all residents are able to access the things that they need, especially housing, as well as public transportation, recreation, education, festivals, and so on.
- **Active Lifestyle, Public Health and Leisure.** Compact and complete communities promote active living and overall public health by encouraging walking and other forms of active transportation. Along with education, the availability of health care facilities and access to recreational facilities are of prime importance to Edmontonians.
- **Parks and Open Space.** There is a strong sense of pride over Edmonton's beautiful and extensive park system, as well as the vast amount of existing open spaces, and Edmontonians want these maintained and expanded.
- **Arts, Culture and Heritage.** Edmontonians feel it is essential to connect communities with the strong arts, culture and heritage values long embedded in Edmonton.
- **Attractiveness.** The activities that take place, the amenities offered, as well as having a clean and visually interesting city, are important for ensuring Edmonton is a desirable place to live and visit.

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Discussion Guide for your Front Room Forum

Thinking about the materials you have reviewed and the videos you have seen on the website, discuss what livability means to you. What kinds of services should The City be providing in the next 10 years that will help to make Edmonton a successful, sustainable and vibrant community?

Go through each of the three questions on the following pages and record the group's thoughts in each section.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is building a healthy, safe and livable city important to you?

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2. What services, currently available in the City of Edmonton, are important to the quality of life you, your family and your friends will enjoy into the future? Please explain.

3. What do you feel will be the greatest service needs in Edmonton in the future? Please explain.

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Please Tell Us About Your Discussion Group!

Please take a moment to provide some information about yourself and your discussion group:

- Are you submitting this completed Discussion Guide as a member of a group or organization?
 Yes No If yes, what group? _____
- How many people participated in your Front Room Forum Discussion? _____
- What are the first 3 digits in your Postal Code? _____

If you would you like to be added to The Way We Live: Edmonton's People Plan Public Involvement Contact List, please provide the following information:

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

This information is being collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and will be used for the purpose described above with your consent. Your personal information is protected from unauthorized access, use and disclosure through the privacy provisions of FOIP. If you have any questions about the collection, contact: City of Edmonton Communications Officer at - 780-496-8266, or 3rd floor, City Hall, 1 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton, Alberta.

Thank you for hosting your Front Room Forum and sharing your thoughts with us!