

City of Edmonton adopts new licence to improve citizen access to government data

The City of Edmonton continues to lead the way in openness, joining the Province of Alberta, the Government of Canada and other major Canadian cities in becoming more transparent by implementing a new [Open Government Licence](#).

The new licence will give citizens consistent terms for accessing and using government data, making it easier to combine, integrate and share data from multiple government sources. The simplified licence allows the public to use the City's information in any format for any lawful purpose, as long as the source of the information is provided.

The Open Government Licence was developed through public consultation and collaboration with other municipal and provincial governments. Edmonton has adopted the licence based on the Open Government Licence released by the Government of Alberta on May 28 of this year. Both are in line with the Open Government Licence published by the Government of Canada on June 18, and also align with those of Vancouver, Toronto, British Columbia and Ontario.

"Edmonton has simplified the user experience while also ensuring that its information is under the same legal framework as other Canadian governments," said Janelle Robb, strategic coordinator for the City's Information Technology Branch. "This means users of Edmonton's Open Data Catalogue can integrate data sets from different jurisdictions for application development and personal use, thereby improving engagement and collaboration between citizens and government."

The City of Edmonton improved access and better enabled the use of municipal information with the launch of the [Open Data Catalogue](#) in early 2010. The Catalogue contains almost 400 data sets covering a variety of topics such as demographics, transit, city administration and public works.

These data sets have been used to develop applications providing citizens information on bus routes, restaurant inspections, street construction, and much more. Through public and business engagement, collaboration and innovation, Edmonton has become an internationally recognized leader in Open Government.

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