

City Market Downtown at City Hall remains open during Christmas on the Square Holiday Light Up

On Saturday, November 16, the <u>City Market Downtown at City Hall</u>, will extend its hours so that patrons can continue to shop for locally-produced foods and homemade merchandise while taking part in the Downtown Business Association's Christmas on the Square Holiday Light Up.

> City Market Downtown at City Hall Time: 9am – 6pm Location: Inside City Hall



Christmas on the Square Holiday Light Up Time: 4 – 6:30pm (Christmas tree light-up and fireworks at 6pm) Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (located at 102 Avenue and 100 Street)

Looking for a unique gift for someone special this holiday season? The City Market Downtown makes holiday shopping a breaze by offering an extraordinary selection of locally-produced merchandise including original artwork, handcrafted jewellery, one-of-a-kind fashions and accessories, farm-fresh meats and produce, delectable baking, homemade jams and dips, and much more.

This year for the first time, the City Market Downtown is partnering with Kids in the Hall Bistro whose menu will feature fresh Market products. A concession cart will be on hand to take customer orders, and tables and chairs will be available to those wishing to sample mouth-watering food while relaxing and enjoying performances by many of the same entertainers that keep things lively on 104 Street. Those wanting to sit down to a meal or snack can visit Kids in the Hall Bistro until 3 pm.

After you've finished your shopping, you can leave your items at the Veggie Valet service at the Information Desk, where staff will be pleased to look after your purchases while you enjoy the Holiday Light Up activities on the Square. This free service is just a small part of the ways the City Market Downtown shows its customers how convenient it is to shop local.

Hosting the Market at City Hall over the winter months supports local food producers and artisans, and is in line with the <u>Edmonton's Food and Urban Agriculture Strategy</u> as set out in Municipal Development Plan – The Way We Grow. It also supports the goals of Edmonton's <u>WinterCity Strategy</u> to make our city more livable, more inviting and more fun during the winter months.

This year's Christmas on the Square Holiday Light Up will feature a variety of free, family-friendly activities and entertainment including music, dancers, choirs, balloon artists and face painters. At 6pm, Santa will flip the switch to light up the 70-foot tall white spruce tree, transforming the Square into a winter wonderland, followed by a spectacular fireworks show.

*Location change for the City Market Downtown on Saturday, November 23: On Saturday, November 23, from 9am until 3pm, the City Market Downtown at City Hall will move downstairs to Level P1 of the City Hall parkade to accommodate an annual event held in the City Room. The Market will return to the main floor of City Hall for the remainder of the winter.

Getting there:

Convenient and accessible, City Hall is easily reached by bus and LRT. Check the ETS website for route and schedule information. Underground parking at City Hall is \$0.50 an hour on Saturdays

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