

## Edmonton Marks International Day of Persons with Disabilities

### *Event puts a spotlight on ability*

The City of Edmonton marked *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* with a showcase of the creative ability of Edmonton's talented persons with disabilities. The annual event featured dance, music and visual arts.

The City of Edmonton Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disabilities helps organize the event to highlight and celebrate contributions to inclusion and accessibility.



"The City of Edmonton Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disabilities offers persons with disabilities opportunities to engage with the community and to enjoy the cultural and recreational activities that make Edmonton such a special place," said Mayor Don Iveson. "Through the expertise and advice of this group, the City has established many initiatives that greatly enhance inclusion and the quality of life for people with disabilities."

Initiatives the City has established include:

- Recreation programs for people of all levels of ability
- Free access to City recreation facilities for people on AISH
- Making public transit more accessible through initiatives such as subsidized transit passes for AISH recipients living in Edmonton and computers in DATS vehicles which give operators updated trip information from customers
- An accessible parking awareness campaign and zero-tolerance enforcement that is into its tenth year

Each year on December 3, people around the world celebrate the contributions of persons with disabilities. The day was proclaimed in 1982 by the United Nations to increase awareness and understanding of persons with disabilities and the issues that impact their lives.

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