

Public Service Announcement

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City of Edmonton

What does Open Data mean to you?

The City of Edmonton is ahead of the curve when it comes to government transparency with its Open Data Catalogue. On February 22, 2014 you're invited to learn more about what the open data movement is and what it means to you.

The City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Public Library are sponsoring a [public information meeting](#) on the meaning and importance of governments providing their citizens with access to Open Data.

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2014, International Open Data Day

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: City Hall's ground floor (east) Heritage Room

Our guest presenter is geographer [Matt Dance](#), a passionate open data advocate. He's interested in the use of [GeoWeb](#) tools and open data as a means of gleaning the meaning and importance of place.

Matt's presentation is geared to non-technical people. He'll demonstrate how to use the City of Edmonton's Open Data Catalogue to turn raw data into meaningful visualizations without needing sophisticated tech skills.

Janelle Robb, the City's IT Branch strategic coordinator, will speak to the City's longstanding involvement in the open data movement. The City – which provides more than 400 datasets to the public on its [Open Data Catalogue](#) – is recognized as a leading-edge government open data provider.

Open Data Day is a celebration by citizens in cities around the world, to encourage the adoption of open data policies by governments at all levels.

Attendees are reminded that the City Market will be open on the same Saturday. So come, get informed, and shop!

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