

City to host leading edge "City Builders" at Western Cities Summit

Mayor Don Iveson is inviting mayors and leaders in government, business and research from around Alberta and Canada to CityAge's Western Cities Summit taking place **June 23-24, 2014** in Edmonton.

CityAge brings together leaders in government, business, research and design from across Canada, North America and the world to look at the business of city building. The Western Cities Summit will focus on the potential of western cities to lead economic growth and urban innovation to help Canada prosper in the 21st Century.

"Edmonton views the CityAge Summit as a great opportunity to bring leading thinkers together to talk about the rise of cities in the West," said Mayor Iveson. "But more importantly, many of the speakers and topics we'll cover will have a direct relevance to our goal of building Edmonton into a 21st Century city."

"Economic and demographic trends mean that Western cities are on the ascendancy and will shape the future," said Miro Cernetig, a co-founder of CityAge. "With its plans for downtown revitalization, new models of public transit and managing population growth, Edmonton is a perfect place to bring together the leaders in city building."

The Western Cities Summit will host representatives from cities across North America, including Winnipeg, Yellowknife, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Wichita and Fort Lauderdale. About 250 attendees are expected and registrations are still open.

Over the last two years, more than 4,000 people from around the world have attended CityAge events in New York, Vancouver, Toronto, Kansas City, MO, Philadelphia, Ottawa and the Waterloo Region.

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