

## City recognized as leader in community planning

The City of Edmonton is a winner three times over for its leadership in innovation and planning after an Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI) ceremony October 6, 2014.

The three awards, for the City's McKernan-Belgravia Station Area Redevelopment Plan (Transit Oriented Development), the Neon Sign Museum and Designing New Neighbourhoods: Guidelines for Edmonton's Future Residential Communities, were presented by the [Alberta Professional Planners Institute \(APPI\)](#).



The Institute recognizes exemplary plans and projects that significantly contribute to the livability of communities in Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. The 2014 awards ceremony took place at the APPI conference luncheon in Kananaskis.

"As Edmonton grows and develops upwards, inwards and outwards, initiatives such as Transit Oriented Development planning, the Neon Sign Museum, and Designing New Neighbourhoods contribute to building an attractive, unique and vibrant city," said Peter Ohm, Branch Manager, Urban Planning and Environment, with the City of Edmonton. "It's an honour that our community's innovation and creativity are recognized through the 2014 Alberta Professional Planners Institute Awards."

The [McKernan-Belgravia Station Area Redevelopment Plan](#) won an Award of Merit in the Comprehensive and Policy category. The plan provides a clear and compelling planning framework for the design of future transit-oriented land uses such as housing, retail and employment as well as supportive infrastructure such as streets and parks.

[Designing New Neighbourhoods: Guidelines for Edmonton's Future Residential Communities](#) won an Award of Merit in the Comprehensive and Policy category. The guidelines establish a collective vision for our new residential communities in Edmonton's urban growth areas, and encourages them to develop in ways that are unique, innovative and sustainable.

The [Neon Sign Museum](#) won an Award of Merit in the Special Study category. The Museum, the first of its kind in Canada, features a collection of historic signs that tell a story about Edmonton's neon past and contributes to a vibrant public realm filled with art and light.

For more information about the plans, please visit [edmonton.ca/city\\_government/urban-planning-and-design.aspx](http://edmonton.ca/city_government/urban-planning-and-design.aspx)

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