

A new river valley chalet to warm the winter

Edmontonians will now be able to linger and warm up in a new winter chalet in the river valley while enjoying their favourite outdoor activities.

The winter chalet, powered by EPCOR, is located at the Victoria Golf Course where the cross-country ski trails begin and end, and uses the on-site cricket club facilities. Features include a warming area, washrooms, campfire, free hot chocolate, recreational programming and trail information.



Starting this weekend, the chalet is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (including New Year's Day and Family Day) through March 15, 2015. City of Edmonton staff will be on hand on those days to help visitors.

Edmonton's Winter City Strategy identified the need for facilities like the chalet. The City of Edmonton and EPCOR worked together to bring the idea to life.

"The Winter City Strategy is about encouraging Edmontonians to embrace winter," said Councillor Ben Henderson. "A warm up chalet is a key way we can make it easier to enjoy our fabulous trail and park system. Many people actively use our river valley parks and trails, and this is one way we can make our outdoors more welcoming in the wintertime."

"This is a good first step toward making the river valley more enjoyable and accessible for Edmontonians in the winter. EPCOR is thrilled to be partnering with the City on this initiative," said EPCOR President and Chief Executive Officer David Stevens, an avid cross-country skier and winter cities champion. "Edmonton is an amazing winter playground. Our river valley is incredible and has the potential to be an active hub for sports and recreational activities."

More information is available at edmonton.ca/wintercitystrategy and edmonton.ca/winterchalet.

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