

Double win for City as wildlife find safe passage

The City of Edmonton has been recognized with an Alberta Emerald Award for its Wildlife Passage Program, the second award for the program in the past week.

The wildlife passage program enables animals such as moose, fish, rabbits and deer to travel from one area of the city to another. The program encourages the City to consider wildlife needs as part of its transportation and drainage projects.



Earlier this week the City picked up the 2015 Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Environment Award for the wildlife passage program.

Over nine years this program has resulted in 27 strategically-placed wildlife passages, reducing wildlife traffic collisions by 51%. This project brought together the City's transportation engineers, drainage engineers, planners and ecologists to design and construct innovative, ecological infrastructure.

"A wildlife passage connects natural habitats, promotes biodiversity and prevents isolation of populations," says Gary Klassen, general manager, Sustainable Development. "I am so proud that Edmonton has been nominated for an Emerald Award five years in a row. These wildlife passages forge an important link between nature and our growing city and prove our commitment to protect the biodiversity within Edmonton."

The Emerald Awards are presented each year and recognize important environmental initiatives undertaken by individuals, corporations, community groups, governments and not-for-profit associations throughout Alberta.

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