



Mayor Don Iveson's Statement Regarding the City Manager

City Council recently met and made the difficult decision to relieve Simon Farbrother of his duties as Edmonton's City Manager.

A decision of this magnitude was not made without careful deliberation and discussion among Council members but, in the end, we determined that change was necessary—and that it must happen now. Since joining us in 2010, Mr. Farbrother has done a lot of good work for the City: he was instrumental in negotiating the arena deal; and thanks to his dedication to improving culture, the City of Edmonton is now one of Canada's top employers; in addition, his work on improving the competitiveness of the Edmonton Metro Region has helped move the conversation forward with our neighbours.

However, the scale and complexity of the challenges ahead demand a fresh perspective. This decision is not the result of any one project. Instead, this is about setting our administration on a new path to manage the next chapter in this city's growth.

Our search for a new City Manager will start soon. As a Council, our goal is to hire someone who can meet the aspirations of this city head-on and help build the kind of city we can all be proud of.

Meanwhile, Edmonton is in good hands.

Every day, nearly 11,000 employees come to work and demonstrate their passion, serving Edmontonians to the best of their ability. Our search for a new City Manager will be guided by finding the right person to further inspire these public servants, and to help Council lead the kind of change Edmontonians expect. Running Canada's fifth-largest city is no easy prospect, but it is an exciting challenge nonetheless.

My City Council colleagues and I would like to thank Mr. Farbrother for his many contributions to our city over his nearly six years of service. There is no doubt he has left the City of Edmonton well-positioned to take on the challenges and the opportunities ahead of us.

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