



Edmonton joins other cities in putting nature into urban life

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Edmonton is taking another step to recognize the importance of nature in its design and planning. It is the first Canadian city to join the Biophilic Cities Network, an organization that helps cities all over the world integrate more nature into urban life.

"The network presents a great opportunity to collaborate with other like minded cities throughout the world," says Grant Pearsell, Director of Parks and Biodiversity, City of Edmonton. "Joining the Biophilic Cities Network recognizes the importance nature plays in creating resilient neighbourhoods and providing a high quality of life and ultimately aligns with Edmonton's [Way We Green strategic plan](#)."

Tim Beatley, founder and project director for Biophilic Cities, will announce Edmonton's membership, in conjunction with his presentation for EPL's [Forward Thinking Speaker Series](#). The event takes place on June 2, 2016 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Stanley A. Milner Library Theatre.

Beatley is an internationally recognized sustainable city researcher and author or co-author of more than fifteen books. He is a strong advocate for "natureful" cities; cities that put nature at the core of design and planning, not as an afterthought or an ornament. Much of his work focuses on how cities can reduce their ecological footprints, while at the same time becoming more livable and equitable places.

The event is open with no admission costs. Please register at: epl.ca/speakerseries

Media are welcome to attend and Dr. Beatley will be available for interviews after the presentation.

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