

## Charge your phone at solar-powered bench

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### Edmonton first Canadian city to introduce Soofa benches

As part of Environment Week, the City of Edmonton is setting up two solar powered charging benches, known as Soofas. The benches can charge mobile devices and have environmental monitoring equipment inside of them.



"The City of Edmonton is the first Canadian city to have Soofa Benches installed," says Sandra Richter, Co-Founder and CEO of Soofa. "We couldn't be more excited! As a proven leader in promoting and acting on sustainability and innovation initiatives that directly benefit its citizens, Edmonton is the perfect home for our solar-powered smart benches."

Edmonton Oilers' Andrew Ference joined Councillor Ben Henderson in unveiling the City's new smart, urban furniture during the Environment Week launch outside City Hall today.

One Soofa bench, Winston, will be located in Churchill Square, while the other bench, Soofia, will be in the Muttart Conservatory courtyard.

"These benches provide a visible and tangible solar power experience for citizens," says Mark Brostrom, Director of City Environmental Strategies. "The benches align well with the City's environmental goals and we are proud to be installing them during Environment Week 2016."

Environment Week takes place June 5 to June 11.

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#### For more information:

To learn more about the City's Environment Week activities, please visit [edmonton.ca/environmentweek](http://edmonton.ca/environmentweek).

To learn more about Soofa benches, please visit [www.soofa.co](http://www.soofa.co)

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