

City of Edmonton to host 2017 Canadian Open Data Summit

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The City of Edmonton has been named host of the Canadian Open Data Summit in May 2017.

"We were very excited to receive the news," said Wendy Gnenz, Branch Manager, Open City and Innovation. "It was rewarding to hear that we submitted an outstanding proposal, and that the selection committee recognizes the City as an established leader in open data. It's going to be a great opportunity for the City to highlight the innovative work we've done and collaborate with other leaders on how we can continue to move open data ahead."

Edmonton will see approximately 500 national leaders representing the public sector, non-profit, and private sector, converge on the city to discuss best practices and learnings around using data at the Canadian Open Data Summit.

"Sharing best practices across sectors is very exciting as we can take a different view on how people can use that data to gain insight," said Gnenz. "The goal of Open Data is to encourage information-sharing and promote citizen participation, ultimately enabling citizens to interact more fluidly with other citizens and within their own government."

Winning the bid to host the Open Data Summit is another example of Edmonton's reputation as a leader in Open Government. In both 2015 and 2014, Edmonton won Canadian Open Data awards for our contribution to the Open Government movement.

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