

## City of Edmonton partners with former U.S. president and Habitat for Humanity to build affordable homes

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The City of Edmonton is partnering with former U.S. president Jimmy Carter and Habitat for Humanity to provide new homes for 75 families in the Edmonton area.



The City provided \$4 million in [Comerstones grant funding](#) to Habitat for Humanity:

- \$2.5 million to go towards the land for 58 of the homes that will be built in the Laurel neighbourhood in southeast Edmonton as part of the 34th Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Work Project
- An additional \$1.5 million for three other habitat build sites across the city.

The City is also working closely with Habitat for Humanity Edmonton to coordinate the civic services required as part of the Jimmy Carter build in Laurel. This could include providing transportation and a staging space for volunteers.

"Affordable and safe housing is integral to our city. It is essential to the well-being of individuals and our communities," said Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson. "Edmonton is proud to be chosen as the key Canadian location for this international project that will see thousands of volunteers come together to build dozens of new homes in our city."

The City has a longstanding relationship with Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. Edmonton is the largest Habitat location in Canada based on the number of Habitat homes built here annually.

President and Mrs. Carter are expected to take part in the build in Edmonton July 9 to 12, 2017. A total of 150 affordable homes will be built in Canada next year to mark Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. The Carter Work project will also focus on Fort Saskatchewan and Winnipeg.

Recipient families spend 500 hours volunteering on Habitat build sites as their down payment. The family pays an interest-free mortgage with payments that are never more than 25 per cent of household income, which makes the homes affordable.

For more than 30 years, President and Mrs. Carter have worked alongside thousands of volunteers to build, renovate and repair 4,000 Habitat for Humanity homes in 14 countries, while raising awareness of the critical need for affordable housing.

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