

## Edmonton's Open City receives Distinction Award

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The City of Edmonton's innovative approach to open government received a coveted Medal of Distinction at this year's GTEC Conference & Exhibition in Ottawa.

"To be awarded host city for the [Canadian Open Data Summit](#) in 2017, to be ranked first in Canada's Open Cities Index 2016 in October, and now to receive the GTEC Distinction Award Medal acknowledges the City is on track with the principles of open and transparent government," said Wendy Gnenz, Branch Manager Open City and Innovation. "It's an honour to be recognized for our efforts. It's even more exciting to see how analytics and innovation are transforming the way we serve our citizens."

Open City encompasses all of the innovative open government work within the City of Edmonton. This includes the release of open data as well as the development of analytics, which transition the data to information for the public.

The [ETS Smart Bus Technology](#) is one example of open data that shares real-time information about bus locations so that transit customers can track their bus using their mobile or desktop device. It uses ETS bus schedule data published in the [City's Open Data Catalogue](#).

The catalogue highlights data from nearly 100 areas such as traffic disruptions, ward boundaries and fire response events.

Canada's GTEC Conference & Exhibition is an internationally recognized forum for excellence in innovation and government service delivery. The Distinction Award Medals recognize public sector individuals and teams across municipal, provincial and federal jurisdictions that leverage technology and information management to address key opportunities and challenges in the public sector, and add value to the way citizens are served.

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