

## **Celebrating inclusivity and ability in Edmonton**

December 1, 2016

Mayor Don Iveson proclaimed December 1, 2016 International Day for Persons with Disabilities in Edmonton.

"The City of Edmonton is proud to recognize the contributions citizens of all abilities make to create a more vibrant, inclusive city," said Mayor Don Neson. "International Day for Persons with Disabilities is an opportunity to celebrate all individuals and organizations that enhance the lives of Edmontonians."

Each year the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee assists in organizing the event to showcase the creative ability of Edmonton's persons with disabilities. The annual event featured dance, music and visual storytelling. Three prestigious Premier's Council Awards also recognized individuals demonstrating leadership and perseverance:

- Award of Excellence in Community Ian Robb for UNITE HERE Local 47
- Marlin Styner Achievement Award Louise Miller
  Gary McPherson Leadership Award Bruce Uditsky

"International Dayfor Persons with Disabilities celebrates the remarkable individuals and the diversity that makes Edmonton such a great city" said Zachary Weeks, a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). "The continued growth of International Dayof Persons with Disabilities is a testament to the City of Edmonton's unwavering commitment to inclusivity.

The City of Edmonton has celebrated the International Day for Persons with Disabilities since 2003 to recognize the abilities of persons with disabilities and to pursue a more inclusive city for all Edmontonians.

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