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Results of first Edmonton Women's Quality of Life Scorecard released

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Ward 2 Councillor Bev Esslinger joined members of the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton (WAVE) to release the results of the Edmonton Women's Quality of Life Scorecard today.

"As part of our work with the Women's Initiative, we developed this Quality of Life Scorecard to provide insight into the lives and experiences of women in our city," said Councillor Esslinger. "This analysis provides an important benchmark for us to track over time where change may be occurring and where improvement is still needed."

The Edmonton Women's Quality of Life Scorecard includes extensive research of best practices on five different indicators which help measure women's quality of life: Finance and Economy; Leadership, Political Empowerment and Participation; Education; Health and Wellness; and Safety.

Overall, the analysis found that Edmonton women are above or on par with Canadian women in the three indicators of finance and economy, education, and health and wellness. In the two indicators of safety and leadership, political empowerment and participation, Edmonton ranks lower in comparison to other provincial and national rates.

"We know there is still more work to do in achieving gender equality for women in Edmonton," said Sandra Woitas, Chair of WAVE. "We can use these scorecard results to target future research and develop new initiatives to improve the quality of life of Edmonton women."

The Edmonton Women's Quality of Life Scorecard will continue to be reassessed as new data is released to measure Edmonton's progress.

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