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## Edmonton recognized for taking intelligent path to future prosperity

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Edmonton is among the seven finalists for a global Intelligent Community of the Year award.

The [Intelligent Community Forum](#) (ICF), a global think-tank helping communities undertake economic and social transformations through technologies, has nominated Edmonton as one of the top seven cities worldwide. The winner will be announced in June after site visits by the ICF's international team of jurors.

"Just placing in the top seven worldwide is an incredible recognition of the vision and drive of Edmontonians and the innovation leaders throughout our city," says Wendy Gnenz, Branch Manager of Open City and Innovation with the City of Edmonton.

The ICF recognized Edmonton's work in closing the digital divide, offering innovative programs through the Edmonton Public Library, preparing the future workforce through post secondary institutions and developing the [EndPovertyEdmonton](#) strategy.

The top seven communities are "charting new paths to lasting prosperity for their citizens, business and institutions," the ICF says.

Other communities in the top seven are located in Ontario, Taiwan, Australia and Russia.

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