

Who We Are: We are a volunteer committee made up of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal citizens appointed by Edmonton City Council. Members are selected annually based on merit and commitment to the Aboriginal community, without consideration of tribal origin or group membership. The committee meets on a monthly basis. Citizens with ideas or concerns pertaining to the quality of life of Edmonton's Aboriginal people are welcome to attend.

Our Purpose: The Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (EAUAC) works to promote the development of Aboriginal people in the city of Edmonton. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to Edmonton City Council as well as the City of Edmonton administration. We are committed to working with individuals, groups, agencies and other levels of government to address the issues which are of concern to Aboriginal people.



Background

Aboriginal people and the City of Edmonton have had a long-standing relationship dating back to the early fur trade. In 1994 the City of Edmonton, in cooperation with the Aboriginal community, formed the Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee. As Edmonton's Aboriginal population continues to grow, it becomes increasingly necessary to develop initiatives to effectively deal with concerns specific to Aboriginal Edmontonians.

EAUAC has...

- Hosted a reception for Aboriginal and Maori Elders from Australia and New Zealand;
- Hosted a celebration for Metis Week at City Hall;
- Hosted the official launch of National Aboriginal Day at City Hall;
- Hosted a reception for National Aboriginal Head Start Conference delegates;
- Organized public forums between civic officials and the Aboriginal community;
- Developed and published a Directory of Services for Aboriginal Edmontonians;
- Hosted initial meetings between agencies to coordinate resources for the city's Aboriginal youth;
- Brought together Aboriginal business partners and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce;
- Assured the continuation of Aboriginal participation in civic affairs;
- Sponsored "Aboriginal Youth Awards" and "Honouring our Elders."

EAUAC is currently...

- Participating in development of the Aboriginal Strategy as identified in the 2003-2005 Corporate Business Plan;
- Seeking to influence employment equity approaches and policy development that will increase the number of Aboriginal people employed by the City of Edmonton;
- Supporting research, dialogue and solutions related to the needs of Aboriginal youth;
- Increasing Aboriginal cultural awareness in Edmonton, including support for the delivery of cultural awareness training for City of Edmonton employees;
- Managing the Rosedale Flats Aboriginal Oral Histories Project (RFAOHP) and further educational initiatives relating to the history of Aboriginal people in Edmonton.



What EAUAC does...



Promotion

-  of Aboriginal citizens' contributions and accomplishments
-  of Aboriginal agencies and organizations
-  of Aboriginal civic involvement
-  of the Aboriginal Youth Awards and Elder recognition program

Advocacy

-  on behalf of Aboriginal people

Liaison

-  with the Mayor and City Councillors through reports, meetings and special events
-  with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal citizens, agencies and organizations



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Edmonton Aboriginal Urban
Affairs Committee Mission
Statement:

“Working toward an equal and positive partnership between the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal citizens of Edmonton.”

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