




CITY OF ST. ALBERT

Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability

Cultivating Our Future

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Land Acknowledgment will be inserted for the final version.

ST. ALBERT'S COMMUNITY VISION



A vibrant, innovative and thriving city that we all call home, that sustains and cherishes its ~~unique~~ identity and sense of community ~~small town values~~. We are the Botanical Arts City.



We are a welcoming friendly and inclusive community ~~of passionate equals~~, where everyone feels a sense of belonging. We believe that community starts with the person next door.



We prosper and excel through a strong and diverse economy that is supported by forward-thinking commerce, outstanding local businesses and a dynamic downtown core.



We build our community towards a balanced and sustainable future while honouring the past, respecting the First Peoples and Metis communities and their ancestral connection to this land. ~~towards the future to sustain balanced development, with a reverent eye to the past, honouring our unique settlement history and distinct identity.~~



We protect, embrace and treasure and value the ~~our deeply rooted connections with the~~ natural environment through stewardship, conservation and education ~~championing environmental actions.~~



We ~~are proud of our storied~~ acknowledge our history that has fed and nurtured our festive and culturally-rich community.

The people of St. Albert remain committed to our sustainable community vision and celebrate our stories and successes as we continue to write the next chapter of St. Albert's history.

PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY

Vision: St. Albert is a vibrant, innovative and thriving city that we all call home, that sustains and cherishes its ~~unique~~ identity and ~~small-town-values~~ sense of community. The future of our community lies in the dreams and aspirations of its people. We are the ~~B~~otanical ~~A~~arts ~~e~~City.

SOCIAL



We are a friendly welcoming and inclusive community of ~~passionate equals~~, where everyone feels a sense of belonging. We believe that community starts with the person next door.

- We live and share our ~~small-town~~ values by being a friendly, peaceful, supportive and safe community.
- We are inclusive; we embrace, respect and support people of all ~~ages, cultures and identities~~, backgrounds and lived experiences. We work towards breaking down barriers to feelings of safety, belonging and inclusion for everyone to enable full and equitable participation in our community.
- We believe in the strength of our neighbourhoods, ensuring that there is a diverse range of housing and transportation options designed to meet the unique needs of all in our community. ~~-available to all.~~
- We believe in creating the best for one another, valuing our community connections by supporting and engaging neighbourhoods, institutions, businesses and organizations that work to improve life in our community.
- We celebrate life-long learning, striving to build our knowledge to better teach and prepare our younger generations as the future stewards of our community.
- ~~With a compassion rooted in the deep cultural history of our community, we wholeheartedly give our time and ourselves to support the well-being and success of our community.~~



ECONOMIC



We prosper and excel through a strong and diverse economy that is supported by forward-thinking commerce, outstanding local businesses and a dynamic downtown core.

- We want people to live all parts of their lives in St. Albert, and we fostering opportunities to work, shop and play here.
- We have a diverse, and robust and accessible business community, which enables economic prosperity and financial sustainability to support community building and provide valuable jobs to our residents.
- We recognize our strong existing businesses as the foundation of our economy and their role in inspiring the next generation of groundbreaking entrepreneurs.
- We have a thriving downtown, including the historic Perron Dedistrict that is the heart of our community, which we enjoy as a place that showcases our identity through businesses, culture, art and natural surroundings.
- We recognize our vigorous thriving economy as it weaves together the fabric of our community and reinforces all of the pillars that sustain our city.



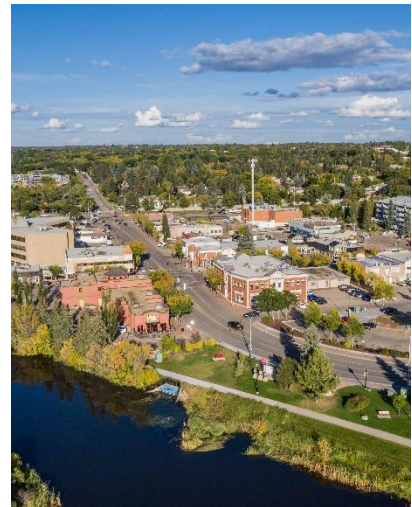
BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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~~We build our community towards the future to sustain balanced development, with a reverent eye to the past, honouring our unique settlement history and distinct identity.~~

- ~~• We are connected to one another by a safe, effective and accessible transportation network that supports public and active modes of movement.~~
- We ~~believe community is about people and we~~ design our neighbourhoods to make it easy for people to connect ~~to one another~~ through a safe, accessible and effective transportation network, parks, trails, public transportation and community spaces.
- We plan and manage the growth of our city so future generations can inherit a ~~the same~~ strong and ~~we've enjoyed~~ vibrant community.
- We build innovative, long-lasting resilient infrastructure that is efficient and, minimizes our impact on the environment. ~~the use of our natural resources, and creates harmony between the natural and built environment.~~
- We build our city to reflect the natural beauty we cherish, ~~maintaining distinct landscaping~~ and architectural standards that cultivate our city's identity.
- We celebrate and honour our origins by preserving our local landmarks, ~~including Father Lacombe's Chapel, the Grain Elevators and St. Albert Place.~~



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



We protect and value, ~~embrace and treasure our deeply-rooted connections with the~~ natural environment through stewardship, conservation and education actions. ~~championing environmental action.~~

- We grow our community by from integrating the natural world surrounding it environment and, providing an extensive, connecting with nature from Big Lake to River Lot 56, using our extensive Red Willow Park trail system, allowing people of all ages to experience nature.
- We ~~stand united to~~ preserve, protect and steward ~~enjoy~~ our Sturgeon River valley, natural areas and ravines, maintaining essential habitat and wildlife corridors to enhance and their contribution to biodiversity.
- We ~~believe in~~ are committed to working together with our regional partners and Indigenous communities to promote our understanding and to continually improve ~~our care~~ stewardship and management of the Sturgeon River watershed.
- ~~We strongly believe that~~ We have a shared responsibility to increase community resiliency by maintaining and ~~promoting our flourishing, expansive~~ expanding our urban tree canopy for future generations. ~~is a shared duty.~~
- ~~We are an~~ The natural environmentally ~~caring is important to the~~ community, ~~mindful of the nature that surrounds us, that puts the Earth first,~~ which is reflected in our sustainable green living lifestyle and conservation of natural resources.



CULTURE



We are proud of our storied acknowledge our history that has fed and nurtured our festive and culturally-rich community.

- We preserve and treasure-honour our past, mindful of the roots from which our community has grown and will continue to bloom.
- We believe in coming together to celebrate one another and learn from our diverse experiences, -our successes, and achievements, -and one another.
- We organize inviting, lively local and internationally-recognized cultural events that bring people together and nourish our spirits.
- We are known for our progressive architecture, art and community design, which expresses our distinct identity and strong sense of place and home.
- We celebrate and honour our origins by preserving our local landmarks, -including Father Lacombe's Chapel, the Grain Elevators and St. Albert Place.-
- We have opportunities to live complete, full and active lives, -that are supported by our exceptional recreation amenities, historic landmarks, extensive parks and winding, world-class trails.



THE PEOPLE OF ST. ALBERT EMBRACE A BALANCED SUSTAINABLE LIVING PHILOSOPHY WHICH IS AT THE CORE OF OUR CITY'S SOUL. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO OUR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY VISION AND CELEBRATE OUR STORIES AND SUCCESSSES AS WE CONTINUE TO WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF ST. ALBERT'S HISTORY.

COMMUNITY VISION



St. Albert is a **VIBRANT**, **INNOVATIVE** and **THRIVING** city that we all call home, that sustains and cherishes its ~~unique~~ identity and ~~small town values~~ sense of community. We are the Botanical Arts City.



We are a **FRIENDLY** and **INCLUSIVE** community ~~of PASSIONATE equals~~, where everyone feels a sense of **BELONGING**. We believe that community starts with the person next door.



We prosper and excel through a **STRONG** and **DIVERSE** economy that is supported by **FORWARD-THINKING** commerce, **OUTSTANDING** local businesses and a **DYNAMIC** downtown core.



We build our community towards a **BALANCED** and **SUSTAINABLE** future while honouring the past, respecting the First Peoples and Metis communities and their ancestral connection to this land.



~~We build our community towards the future to sustain **BALANCED** development, with a reverent eye to the past, **HONOURING** our **UNIQUE** settlement history and **DISTINCT** identity.~~



We **PROTECT**, ~~**EMBRACE** and **TREASURE**~~ and **VALUE** our deeply-rooted connections with the natural environment through **championing stewardship, conservation and education** ~~environmental~~ action.

We ~~are **PROUD** of~~ **ACKNOWLEDGE** our ~~storied~~ history that has fed and nurtured our **FESTIVE** and **CULTURALLY-RICH** community.

The people of St. Albert remain **COMMITTED** to our **SUSTAINABLE** community vision and **CELEBRATE** our stories and successes as we continue to write the next chapter of St. Albert's history.