



CITY OF ST. ALBERT CITY COUNCIL POLICY

| NUMBER | TITLE |
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| C-CG-11 | Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability |
| ORIGINAL APPROVAL DATE | DATE LAST REVISED |
| March 21, 2016 | January 21, 2019 |

Purpose

To establish the Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability that guide the long-term sustainability of the community.

The Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability were developed by St. Albert residents and endorsed by the St. Albert Community Sustainability Committee to provide clear direction to Council and Administration on what they consider the unique and desirable future for St. Albert in the long term. The vision outlines an inspirational future state and quality of life that the community aspires to. The Pillars of Sustainability are the key areas that need to be supported in order to provide strength and balance to the community.

Policy Statement

Council and Administration shall adopt a single, shared community vision and set of sustainability pillars in order to govern, align and conform all strategic planning and decision-making efforts across the City.

Definitions

“City” means the City of St. Albert.

“Community Vision” means the way the community envisions the City of St. Albert in 50 years.

“Pillars of Sustainability” means the long-term strategic outcomes and results that the community has identified to achieve the community vision and ensure sustainability of the community into the future.

“Strategic Framework” means the established cycle that articulates how the community vision and pillars of sustainability align to the City of St. Albert Strategic Plan, community long term plans, corporate actions plans, budgets, programs and services and reporting.

Responsibilities

Council shall be responsible to ensure that all decisions are reflective of the Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability.

The Chief Administrative Officer shall be responsible to ensure that the City’s Strategic Framework aligns with the Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability.

Service Standards / Expectations

1. The Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability as described within the “Cultivating Our Future – St. Albert’s Community Vision” document, provided as Attachment 1, shall provide the foundation for the City’s Strategic Framework.
2. The Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability shall be embedded into and provide the foundation for all community long term plans, including the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), as they are created and/or revised.
3. The Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability shall provide the basis for all planning and decision-making efforts.
4. To ensure that the Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability continue to reflect the desires of the community, it will be assessed every 10 years.
5. Future changes to the Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability should be taken back to the community for collaborative consultation as per the Public Engagement Policy.

Legal References

Municipal Government Act

Cross References

Policy C-CG-01, Council’s Vision, Mission and Values

Policy C-CG-02, City of St. Albert Strategic Plan

Policy C-CG-06, Strategic Framework

Policy C-FS-05, Budget and Taxation Guiding Principles

Attachments

1. Cultivating Our Future – St. Albert’s Community Vision

| DATE REVIEWED | NEXT REVIEW DATE | REVISIONS |
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| March 2016 – Strategic Services and Information Technology | 2020 - Strategic Services and Information Technology | January 21, 2019 – AR-19-003 |



Cultivating Our Future

St. Albert's
Community
Vision

ST. ALBERT'S COMMUNITY VISION

A vibrant, innovative and thriving city that we all call home, that sustains and cherishes its unique identity and small town values. 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 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 our deeply-rooted connections with the natural environment through championing environmental action.



We are proud of 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.

PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY

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. The future of our community lies in the dreams and aspirations of its people.

We are the Botanical Arts City.

SOCIAL



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 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 backgrounds.
- We believe in the strength of our neighbourhoods, ensuring that there is a diverse range of housing and transportation options available to all.
- We believe in creating the best for one another, valuing our community connections by supporting and engaging neighbourhoods, institutions 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, fostering opportunities to work, shop and play here.
- We have a diverse and robust business community, which enables economic prosperity 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 district 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 economy weaves together the fabric of our community and reinforces all of the pillars that sustain our city.



BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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 parks, trails, public transportation and community spaces.
- We plan and manage the growth of our city so future generations can inherit the same strong, vibrant community we've enjoyed.
- We build innovative, long lasting infrastructure that is efficient, minimizes 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, embrace and treasure our deeply-rooted connections with the natural environment through championing environmental action.

- We grow our community from the natural world surrounding it, 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 enjoy our Sturgeon River valley, natural areas and ravines and their contribution to biodiversity.
- We believe in working together with our regional partners to promote our understanding and to continually improve our care and management of the Sturgeon River watershed.
- We strongly believe that maintaining and promoting our flourishing, expansive tree canopy for future generations is a shared duty.
- We are an environmentally caring community, mindful of the nature that surrounds us, that puts the Earth first, which is reflected in our green living lifestyle and conservation of natural resources.



CULTURE



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

- We preserve and treasure our past, mindful of the roots from which our community has grown and will continue to bloom.
- We believe in coming together to celebrate our successes, achievements and one another.
- We organize inviting, lively 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 live complete, full and active lives that are supported by our exceptional recreation amenities, 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 successes as we continue to write the next chapter of St. Albert's history.