

Principal Planner - Social Development Job Number: 40789

Here is your chance to leverage your skills to raise the supply of affordable housing and supportive housing in the City of Edmonton. Use your expertise to expand the supply of affordable housing for Edmontonians and make a positive impact on the lives of citizens for generations to come. The Affordable Housing and Homelessness Section is a one-stop-shop for coordinating the development of affordable housing and your contributions will be key to leverage funding opportunities from other orders of government and mobilize the City's institutional capacity to enable the development of more affordable housing.

Your success will be measured by your ability to achieve timely results in the context of a respectful, inclusive and service-minded style. With a focus on the City of Edmonton's Cultural Commitments to Safe, Helpful, Accountable, Integrated and Excellent, you will:

- Evaluate the City's land holdings, and private land for sale, for its suitability for supportive and affordable housing development and provide planning recommendations to ensure the site can be positioned as "shovel-ready" for development by the City or a partner in a non-market housing provider
- Support public engagement activities related to obtaining development approvals, and fostering social licence for supportive and affordable housing in host communities
- Review analysis and trend projections of housing market indicators/benchmarks for application to Affordable Housing Investment Programs (apartment vacancy rate, average market rents, house prices, land costs, construction costs, etc.)
- Perform specialized planning and analytical assignments in the areas of social housing and related community planning, socio-economic forecasting and trend analysis
- Monitor Federal, Provincial housing policies and programs, such as the National Housing Strategy and Rapid Housing Initiative, to maximize the City's access to funding partnerships
- Recommend new or revised policies and programs, considering outcomes and alternative strategies
- Develop and administer project schedules, activities, costs, and production of deliverables
- Prepare or review plans to ensure compliance with established standards or procedures;
- Write planning recommendation reports and prepare presentations to City Council and Committees
- Respond to project inquiries of a sensitive or complex nature from council, senior administration, general public, developers and contractors
- Coordinate the work of Planner I as well as technical and support staff on projects
- Manage and prioritize multiple projects related to the implementation of Housing programs and policies
- Perform other related duties as required

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning, Architecture, Business, or related discipline. A postgraduate degree is an asset
- 4 years progressively responsible planning experience, including experience in non-market housing development, asset management, property management, project management or administration in the field of housing
- Knowledge of the principles and practices of land use planning, real estate development, property management or asset management, as well as applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in Alberta
- Excellent written and verbal communication and presentation skills for a broad range of audiences
- Good customer service, teamwork, organizational and project management skills, and the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships in a multi-disciplinary team environment
- Strong working knowledge and skills with Google applications, including Google Sheets and Slides
- Exceptional organizational and presentation skills, both written and verbal
- Strong design skills and demonstrated ability to use creative software, such as Adobe Creative Cloud
- Able to self-direct work, compensate and adapt to changing conditions under high stress situations
- Effective in the communication of nuanced policy with a variety of stakeholders
- Proven ability to work efficiently in an environment where there are a number of high profile, competing projects and interests
- Ability to provide written or verbal responses to inquiries from external stakeholders and the public
- Demonstrated ability to achieve results in the context of a respectful, inclusive and service-minded style
- Embrace the Cultural Commitments of Safe, Helpful, Accountable, Integrated and Excellent, and foster an environment that encourages others to do the same
- Applicants may be tested

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Up to 1 permanent full-time position

Hours of Work: 33.75 hours per week, Monday - Friday

Salary: \$48,106 - \$61,389 (Hourly); \$84,750.750 - \$108,152.070 (Annually)

Talent Acquisition Consultant: STD/MJB

Classification Title: Planner II

Posting Date: Apr 29, 2021

Closing Date: May 9, 2021 11:59:00 PM (MDT)

Number of Openings (up to): 1 - Permanent Full-time

Union: CSU 52

Department: Social Development

Work Location(s): 18th Floor Edmonton Tower, 10111 104 Avenue Edmonton T5J 0J4