

Principal Open Space Planner (Planner II) Job Number: 49597

Are you passionate about Edmonton's River Valley?

Do you wish to contribute to the future of Edmonton's parks and open space system?

As a Principal Open Space Planner within the Open Space Strategy unit of the Planning and Environmental Services branch, you will act as a subject matter expert and leader in land use, environmental, and open space planning. You will contribute to the protection and enhancement of the City's open space network by playing a lead role in the development of open space plans, policies, strategies, and regulations. You will provide subject matter expertise in the areas of parks planning, recreation planning, and urban ecology.

With a focus on the City of Edmonton's Cultural Commitments to Safe, Helpful, Accountable, Integrated and Excellent, you will:

- Develop policy, strategy, recommendations, and Council reports relating to open space planning, including sub-disciplines such as ecological and recreation planning
- Apply advanced knowledge of land use, environmental, and open space strategic level policy planning
- Apply expertise in current best practices and municipal service delivery for parks and recreation services, active transportation, and environmental and open space planning
- Advise on the development or amendments of plans and guiding documents for alignment with applicable City policies, plans, strategies, and guidelines
- Develop implementation plans for open space policy and strategy, and communicate implementation plans to other City departments and external stakeholders
- Collaborate with internal and external partners to improve implementation of the City's open space policies, plans, strategies, and procedures, and promote best practices in open space planning
- Work with the Senior Planner to advise on and communicate policies to be recommended to City Council
- Perform project management functions, with the support and guidance of the Senior Planner as necessary
- Review project deliverables for alignment with project scope, schedule, and overall outcomes
- Prepare written and verbal reports, recommendations, and presentations for senior leadership or City Council
- Perform other related duties as required

Qualification

- Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Landscape Architecture, Recreation, Urban Design, Environmental Science, Biology, Ecology, or a related degree. Master's degree in the above-noted disciplines is preferred
- Membership / eligibility for membership with one or more of the following professional organizations (or their equivalent) is an asset:
 - Alberta Society of Professional Biologists
 - Association of Alberta Forest Management Professionals
 - Alberta Institute of Agrologists
 - Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (P.Geo)
 - Canadian Institute of Planners
- A minimum of four years of progressively relevant and responsible experience, including open space planning, recreation planning, environmental management, policy development, and/or project management
- Detailed knowledge of the principles and practices of open space and environmental planning
- Knowledge of applicable legislation, regulatory requirements, and governing policies and plans
- Experience working with and integrating multiple planning functions, including ecological planning, parks planning, and urban development
- Demonstrated experience leading open space planning projects is an asset
- Demonstrated experience in recreational planning or recreation ecology is an asset
- Demonstrated experience in the application and development of municipal, regional, or provincial open space planning policies is an asset
- Ability to communicate complex information effectively both orally and in writing
- Ability to handle politically sensitive projects and topics
- Well-developed critical thinking skills
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a variety of internal and external partners and stakeholders and appropriately engage the public
- Excellent time management and project management skills
- Knowledge of computer systems, including word processing, spreadsheets, and mapping and design applications
- Ability to build personal networks, establishing and maintaining effective working relationships across City Departments and externally with industry, government, and community partners
- Ability to perform complex, potentially contentious projects requiring working with other City branches/departments
- Experience collaborating across departments, disciplines, specialties, and stakeholder groups to achieve integrated solutions
- Ability to find and/or negotiate solutions to complex issues while operating in a politicized environment
- Demonstrate alignment with the Cultural Commitments of Safe, Helpful, Accountable, Integrated and Excellent, fostering an environment for others to do the same. For more information on the City's Cultural Commitments, please visit [edmonton.ca/our-culture](https://www.edmonton.ca/our-culture)
- Demonstrate the foundational competencies, key behaviours and attributes of the City's six leadership competencies: Courage, Inclusivity, Values-Based Influencer, Collaborative Networker, Systems Thinker and Creative Innovator. For more information on the City's leadership competencies, please visit [edmonton.ca/our-culture](https://www.edmonton.ca/our-culture)
- Applicants may be tested

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The City of Edmonton strives to provide reasonable access and accommodations throughout the application and selection process. If you would like to request an accommodation at any stage of the process, please contact Employment@edmonton.ca.

Up to 1 temporary full-time position for up to 18 months in accordance with Article 18.02 of the Collective Agreement

Hours of Work: 33.75 hours per week

The weekly hours of work for this position are currently under review and may change at a future time. Any changes will be made in accordance with the City of Edmonton/Civic Service Union 52 collective agreement and the incumbent will be notified in advance.

Salary Range: \$51,171 - \$65,301 (Hourly); \$90,150.510 - \$115,044.040 (Annually)

Talent Acquisition Consultant: RD/JF

Classification Title: Planner II

Posting Date: Jun 03, 2024

Closing Date: Jun 24, 2024 11:59:00 PM (MDT)

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

Union: CSU 52

Department: Urban Planning and Economy

Work Location(s): 7th Floor Edmonton Tower, 10111 104 Avenue Edmonton T5J 0J4