



CITY OF ST. ALBERT CITY COUNCIL POLICY

NUMBER	TITLE
C-CG-11	Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability
ORIGINAL APPROVAL DATE	DATE LAST REVISED
March 21, 2016	July 15, 2025

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 the residents 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 towards. The Pillars of Sustainability are the key areas that need to be supported 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, and align 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 the sustainability of the community into the future.

“Strategic Framework” means the established approach that aligns the City of St. Albert Strategic Plan, community long-term plans, corporate business plan, department plans, budgets, programs and services and reporting practices and processes to achieve outcomes established in the Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability.

Responsibilities

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

The Chief Administrative Officer shall be responsible for ensuring 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. City of St. Albert's Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability – Cultivating Our Future

DATE REVIEWED	NEXT REVIEW DATE	REVISIONS
March 2016 – Strategic Services and Information Technology May 2025 – Financial and Strategic Services	2020 - Strategic Services and Information Technology 2035 – Financial and Strategic Services	January 21, 2019 – AR-19-003 July 15, 2025 – AR - 25- 298



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Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability

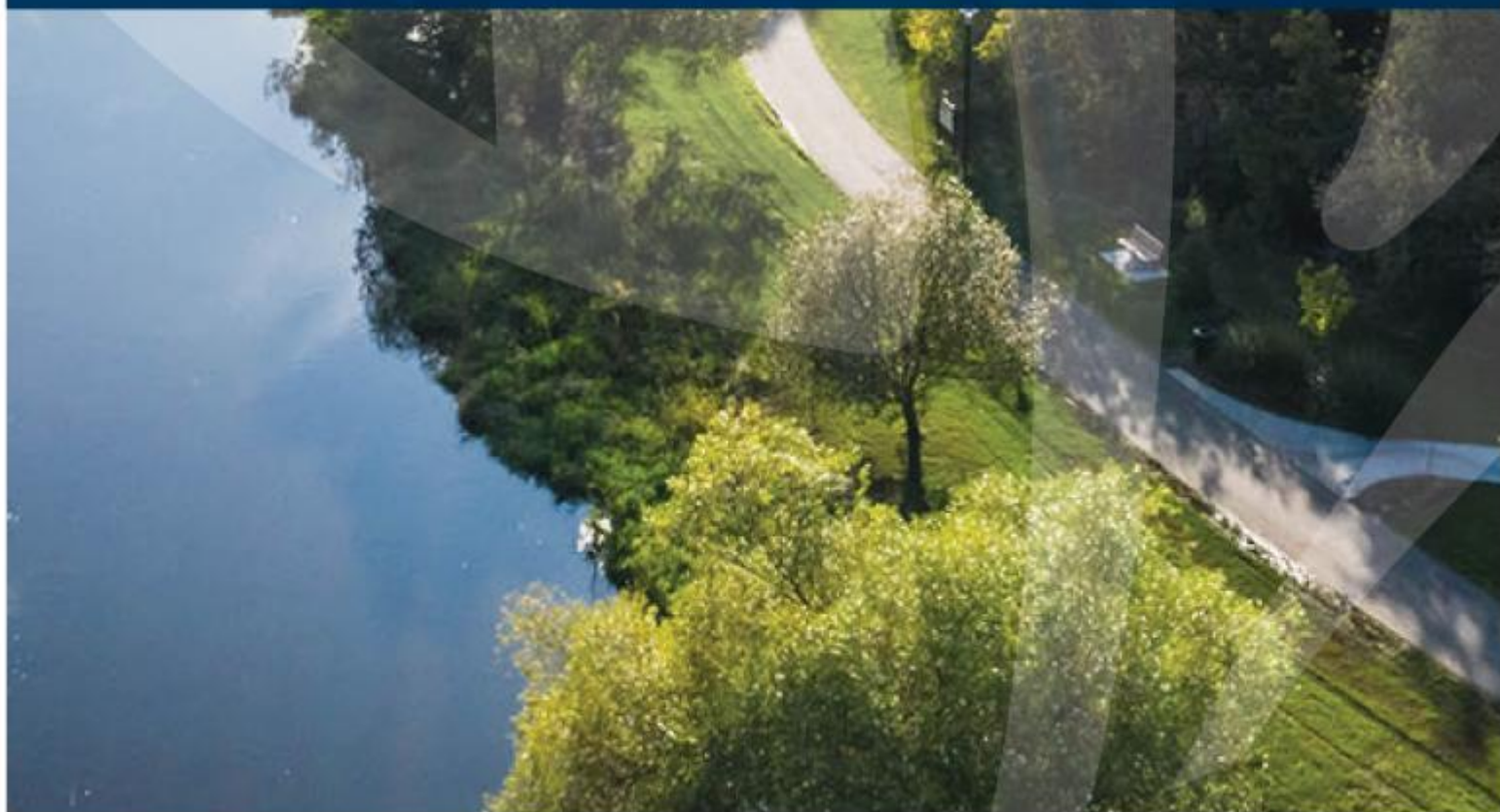
Cultivating Our Future

Updated July 15, 2025



Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis peoples. As treaty People, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, we share the responsibility for stewardship of this beautiful land.



ST. ALBERT'S COMMUNITY VISION

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



We are a welcoming and inclusive community 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 Métis communities and their ancestral connection to this land.



We protect and value the natural environment through stewardship, conservation and educational actions.



We 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

St. Albert is a vibrant, innovative and thriving city that we all call home, that sustains and cherishes its identity and sense of community. The future of our community lies in the dreams and aspirations of its people. We are the Botanical Arts City.

SOCIAL



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

- We live and share our values by being a friendly, peaceful, supportive and safe community.
- We are inclusive; we embrace, respect and support people of all identities, backgrounds and lived experiences. We work towards breaking 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.
- 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.



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 foster opportunities to work, shop and play here.
- We have a diverse, 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 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 as 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 thriving economy as it weaves together the fabric of our community and reinforces all the pillars that sustain our city.



BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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 design our neighbourhoods to make it easy for people to connect 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 strong and vibrant community.
- We build innovative, resilient infrastructure that is efficient and minimizes our impact on the environment.
- We build our city to reflect the natural beauty we cherish and architectural standards that cultivate our city's identity.
- We celebrate and honour our origins by preserving our local landmarks.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



We protect and value natural environment through stewardship, conservation and education actions.

- We grow our community by integrating into the natural environment and providing an extensive trail system, allowing people of all ages to experience nature.
- We preserve, protect and steward our Sturgeon River valley, natural areas and ravines, maintaining essential habitat and wildlife corridors to enhance biodiversity.
- We are committed to working together with our regional partners and Indigenous communities to continually improve stewardship and management of the Sturgeon River watershed.
- We have a shared responsibility to increase community resiliency by maintaining and expanding our urban tree canopy for future generations.
- The natural environment is important to the community, which is reflected in our sustainable lifestyle and conservation of natural resources.



CULTURE



We acknowledge our history that has fed and nurtured our festive and culturally rich community.

- We preserve and 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, successes and achievements.
- 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 identity and strong sense of place and home.
- We celebrate and honour our origins by preserving our local landmarks.
- We have opportunities to live complete, full and active lives, 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 successes as we continue to write the next chapter of St. Albert's history.