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City of Edmonton introduces new department to focus on emerging needs

City Manager Al Maurer today announced that the City of Edmonton is creating a new Department of Corporate Business Planning to help the organization focus on the future.

“Anticipating and effectively dealing with growth is the number one issue all City of Edmonton departments are now facing,” Al Maurer explains. “Edmonton is enjoying the rewards, but also the challenges, of a growing population and a diversified economy. The City of Edmonton Administration needs to be in a position where it is ahead of the changing needs and emerging issues. These adjustments help us better align our business with City Council’s initiatives and priorities.”

The City is not creating new positions but is reassigning existing staff to the new department. It will include, among others, Intergovernmental Affairs, the Corporate Budget Office and the Office of Infrastructure. A national search for a general manager will begin immediately with the new department operational early in the New Year.

In late September, Al Maurer also announced the appointment of Candice Stasynek as Executive Director for his office. This position focuses on corporate operational issues to allow the City Manager to focus on strategic issues and Council priorities.

This realignment will also see a small number of business areas shifted between departments to better group similar services.

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