

# EDMONTON

## Chief Urban Designer Job Number: 24983

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You will lead a team, and a City, as they evolve their culture of urban design. Edmonton is increasing its focus on developing as a vibrant, livable city. As the Chief Urban Designer in Planning and Design, Urban Planning and Environment, you will be the urban design advocate and expert creating, leading, managing and supporting implementation of urban design initiatives and programs. You will lead and inspire the urban design team responsible for matters of public realm and built from design to lead integrated planning and design collaboration, joint planning activities, and promote urban design and design excellence in order to evolve Edmonton's culture of urban design.

Using your urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning expertise, understanding of transportation planning and development economics, you will influence decisions made by public and private sectors and provide leadership and assistance on projects affecting planning and design policy through the following:

- Engage with City Building Partners to evolve Edmonton's urban design
- Collaborate on integrated planning and design/project management of major departmental and corporate projects involving corporate and public/private/arms-length partners and stakeholders, while negotiating for best design outcomes
- Conduct, direct, and oversee policy and guideline related urban design research, studies or examinations of the physical design of the City's urban fabric, land use patterns and neighborhood character
- Oversee development of concept designs for public spaces and/or other significant civic projects, and City Council's priority projects/initiatives
- Direct the review of complex development projects, neighborhood and area-wide urban design plans submitted by public agencies, community groups, developers, designers and other private applicants
- Lead the development of innovative urban design policies and strategies to effectively address the social, economic, and legal implications of Edmonton's physical form as outlined in "The Way We Grow"
- Carry out administrative tasks necessary for the Unit including preparation of a work program, annual budget, evaluation of staff performance, and recruitment functions
- Promote, pursue, and encourage teamwork, innovation, and continuous improvement across the Corporation while guiding staff in decision-making, negotiation, and conflict resolution
- Represent the Department at City Council and standing committee meetings on issues related to urban design

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### Qualifications:

- Bachelor degree in Urban Design, Architecture, Planning, or Landscape Architecture. Master's degree preferred
- Minimum 12 years strong urban design experience including policy and built work experience and at least 2 years supervisory experience
- Membership with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC), Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, or Canadian Urbanism (CANU), or equivalent, is required
- Training and/or experience in development/land/market economics, transportation planning, public administration, project management, and public engagement is an asset
- Previous design experience in the private sector is an asset
- Superb hand-sketching skills and demonstrated ability to illustrate complex 2 and 3-dimensional concepts in a variety of viewing techniques (plan, elevation, perspective, isometric)
- Ability to use and/or oversee use of computer aided tools such as SketchUp, Rhino, AutoCAD, GeoMedia, Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator, and V-Ray
- Excellent verbal, written, and presentation skills to be used to communicate alternative design solutions in a collaborate and positive manner
- Demonstrated experience collaborating, negotiating, and resolving conflict related to urban design issues between stakeholders, the public, politicians, administration and other levels of government
- Well developed personal attributes including a tolerance for ambiguity

**Hours of Work:** 36.9 hours per week, Monday - Friday

**Salary Range:** PT4 \$113,218 - \$141,522 (Annually)

**Recruitment Consultant:** NB/JP

**Classification Title:** Chief Urban Designer

**Posting Date:** Nov 27, 2015

**Closing Date:** Dec 24, 2015, 11:59:00 PM

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

**Union:** Management

**Department:** Planning & Design (Sustainable Development)

**Work Location(s):** HSBC Bank Canada Building, 10250 - 101 St Edmonton T5J 3P4



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