



# What We Heard Summary

## Climate Implementation Priorities (2027–2030) Phase 2 Engagement

The objective of the **Climate Implementation Priorities (2027–2030)** is to identify priority climate actions the City is taking between 2027–2030 to advance the goals from the [Climate Resilient Edmonton: Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan \(Approved 2020\)](#) and the [Community Energy Transition Strategy and Action Plan \(Approved 2021\)](#). The actions focus on reducing emissions and responding to climate hazards, but they also provide tangible benefits for Edmontonians' daily lives. This includes providing more affordable ways to move around the city, offering programs to help lower utility costs, and protecting public health.

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**This document is a high-level overview of Phase 2 engagement findings.** What we heard and how this feedback informed the priority climate actions is detailed in the full Phase 2 What We Heard and Did Report, which will be available in June 2026 with the Executive Committee and City Council agendas, shared with those subscribed to the project updates email list, and posted online at [edmonton.ca/ClimateStrategy](https://edmonton.ca/ClimateStrategy).

### Engagement Approach

**Phase 1 Engagement** (Jun-Oct 2025) focused on validating the project approach, understanding experiences with climate change, and identifying partnership opportunities through workshops, meetings, and written feedback. This phase also included a separate stream of Indigenous engagement. See the Phase 1 [Summary](#) and [What We Heard Report](#).

**Phase 2 Engagement** (Dec 2025-Jan 2026) focused on reviewing draft action concepts and providing feedback through a public survey, community pop-ups, targeted meetings, Engaged Edmonton online, and workshops. In Phase 2, we heard from thousands of Edmontonians across a variety of engagement opportunities:

- + 3,849 survey responses
- + 148 visitors to 5 community pop-ups
- + 59 comments and 8 questions on Engaged Edmonton
- + 4 participants in Meet with the Project Team
- + 52 participants in 3 targeted workshops
- + 28 participants in advisory committee meetings

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## What We Heard in Phase 2

Over two-thirds of survey respondents agree that we need to act now to address climate change (68%) and that climate change is caused mostly by human activities (67%). Most survey respondents showed support for all proposed implementation approaches.

Through other engagement tactics, general feedback on future implementation of these actions included involving Indigenous partners, placing urgency on climate action, considering affordability and economics, collaborating with governments and organizations, having the City lead by example, integrating accessibility, involving youth, expanding education and engagement, and recognizing extreme heat and air quality.

Climate actions were organized into five main sectors. A high-level summary of the feedback for each is provided below. More details on what we heard and what we are doing with feedback will be shared in the full Phase 2 What We Heard and Did Report once available.

### Buildings and Land Use Sector

The majority of survey respondents consider all proposed building and land use goals important. In written survey responses, many respondents expressed interest in improving design standards, building codes, and permitting processes for energy efficiency, with suggestions to reduce permitting timelines and costs. They also suggested financial incentives to support all income levels and shared concerns about development affecting mature trees and green spaces.

Through other engagement tactics, feedback on Buildings and Land Use actions included addressing the benefits and challenges of densification and considering construction emissions and building operations

### Transportation Sector

The majority of survey respondents consider most proposed transportation goals important, with public transit and pedestrian safety goals being seen as most important. In written survey responses, many respondents expressed a need for more frequent and reliable transit to make it an attractive alternative to driving and the need for improved accessibility and walkability.

Through other engagement tactics, feedback on Transportation actions included prioritizing a shift to low-carbon transportation options like public transit and active transportation which can be supported by improving these modes of transport, discouraging car use through City policies, ensuring long-term transportation planning including transit facility investments, and improving transit accessibility for people with disabilities and low-income Edmontonians.

### Infrastructure Sector

The majority of survey respondents consider all proposed infrastructure goals important, especially those relating to extreme weather events. In written survey responses, they mainly wrote about fiscal responsibility and called for climate-resilient City infrastructure and preparedness for emergencies.



Through other engagement tactics, feedback on Infrastructure actions included needing to improve and maintain existing infrastructure, recognizing the critical importance of resilient infrastructure, and taking advantage of new construction to be climate-ready for the future.

### **Nature and Water Sector**

The majority of survey respondents consider all proposed nature and water goals important, especially those relating to the tree canopy and green spaces, reducing wildfire risk, and preparing for droughts. In written survey responses, they mainly emphasized the need to protect the River Valley and natural areas and reduce development in these places, concerns about the loss of mature trees and water conservation, and recommendations to use more native plants.

Through other engagement tactics, feedback on Nature and Water actions included recognizing the fundamental importance of ecosystems and the changes they are experiencing with climate change, and working with neighbouring jurisdictions to connect ecological systems. The importance of ensuring access to water, especially during extreme heat events, was also highlighted.

### **Low Carbon Energy and Waste Sector**

The majority of respondents consider all proposed low carbon energy and waste goals important, especially converting waste into low-carbon energy and better supporting renewable energy installation.

Through other engagement tactics, feedback on Low Carbon Energy and Waste actions included considering pursuing zero carbon instead of low carbon, increasing access to recycling, addressing methane emissions with regulations, and expanding solar photovoltaic systems to more buildings.

### **Next Steps**

The findings from Phase 2 engagement were used to develop the detailed Climate Implementation Priorities (2027-2030) which will be presented to Executive Committee and City Council for approval in mid-2026. The priorities identified may inform the 2027-2030 budget cycle process in late 2026. Engagement feedback received will be shared with City teams to inform the implementation of actions as directed by City Council.

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*Note: Climate Implementation Priorities (2027-2030) is the name of the final report that has been informed by Phase 1 and 2 engagement under the previous name of "Climate Action Plan (2027-2030)."*