

Ward Anirniq is my priority because it's our home. I'm excited to present a platform created for our ward by our ward.

Many of these things are underway -- but there's always space to strengthen and improve. These are my ideas for how we do that.

Support Local

Local Economy

We need to support local businesses to innovate, attract talent, and create good jobs by making it easier to do business. How can we do this?

- Create rapid turnaround on permitting, licencing and inspections by realizing efficiencies and improving the customer service experience
- Revitalize community business districts (eg; local strip malls) to increase attraction and create destination areas for the whole city within our ward
- Increase access to retail and amenities to within 15 minutes of where people reside
- Target support for new business, including grants, strategic investment partnerships, and leveraging and promoting social entrepreneurship
- Increase tourism through creating and promoting world-class and regional events and festivals
- Increase economic diversification potential through greater collaboration with post-secondaries, technology and agriculture sectors

Local Growth

We can ensure our ward has the infrastructure we need for everyone - young, old, all abilities and all needs and everything in between. What does that mean?

- Support more community-led endeavours, be they projects, groups or organizations
- Make it easier and more affordable to improve community buildings and amenities through targeted granting and streamlined processes, especially where matching funds are available from other orders of government
- Make neighbourhood plans relevant, responsive to resident feedback and reflective of community needs
- Provide meaningful community consultation on upcoming revitalization projects and all City initiatives
- Support neighbourhood social gathering spaces including development, maintenance and ongoing use

Support Local

Local Recovery from COVID

We can have a strong recovery that supports our ward. How do we move forward together?

- Develop an inclusive COVID-19 Recovery plan that is equitable, based in action and focuses on a sustainable economy and the wellbeing of individuals and communities
- Invest the right amounts in the right places to see a strong recovery that works for everyone and sets up our city for success

Stronger Communities

We can create communities that are safe, inclusive, connected, and resilient.

Community Safety

Every person in Edmonton has the right to feel safe. Creating safe, healthy communities requires neighbours, police, and community services all working together. What gets us there?

- Allocate funds to community services and neighbourhood level efforts
- Provide meaningful engagement and accountability for neighbourhood conflicts and bylaw infractions through the application of the principles of [restorative justice](#)
- Support the [Community Safety and Wellbeing Task Force recommendations](#)
- Scale up programs that include health and social workers on response calls
- Increase education for emergency preparedness to ensure the public is ready for emergencies and that everyone understands the City's role and what they should do in case of emergency

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

A safe and welcoming community has space for everyone. Supporting the needs of all Ward residents builds a meaningful life and healthy communities. What should we do?

- Create development and zoning incentives for affordable housing options that increase diversity such as tiny homes, garage and garden suites, co-ops, basement suites and other emerging innovations for housing affordability
- Modify housing and homeless-serving systems for greater diversity and cultural appropriateness in the Housing First model
- Ensure respect, dignity, and connection comes first in the City's responses to homelessness
- Work with other levels of governments and across sectors
- Focus on prevention and harm-reduction
- Get serious about tackling poverty, food insecurity, mental health issues, and addictions at the local level and through work with other levels of government

Stronger Community

Building a Ward for Everyone

Communities are influenced by the built environment. How we build is as important as what we build. How do we make sure development serves our ward?

- Support and promote responsible infill development
- Encourage active modes of transportation - walking, cycling, etc.
- Change City zoning bylaws to make living and building in Edmonton easier with more options for every stage and style of life
- Preserve more historically significant sites
- Follow through on [the City Plan](#)

Involve All Residents in Building Ward Anirniq

Relational leadership doesn't default to bureaucracy, protect the status quo, or stifle creativity. How do we do that?

- Build relationships, strengthen connections and grow capacity for community-led solutions that are co-created
- Hold City Administration accountable
- Ensure City work is free from discrimination and is actively anti-racist
- Use engagements that value real, meaningful conversations, ensuring all citizens are heard and understood
- Provide opportunities for equity-seeking groups in decision-making

Environmental Focus

Prioritizing our environment has never been more critical. We can make changes today that will benefit Ward Anirniq for generations to come.

The Future of Waste Management

Sustainable waste management now will prevent a bill we can't afford in the future. What should we change?

- Encourage the design of products and systems that minimize waste
- Reduce single-use plastics
- Eliminate food waste by diverting and reclaiming products that are still of use
- Improve recycling and composting with tangible goals and transparent accounting

Sustainable & Green Infrastructure

Investing in good infrastructure is key to ensuring the health of our City and responsible climate action. What can we do?

- Prioritize northwest LRT line, electric buses, and other low emission transit.
- Improve energy efficiency in new buildings and retrofits through local building code
- Keep up our parks and recreation areas in environmentally conscious ways
- Increase urban density and sustainable development
- Preserve our river valley
- Set and meet emission reduction targets within the council term (2021 - 2025)

Quality City Services

We can have quality services that are affordable.

Money Management

We need a city with a healthy and balanced budget. Residents of our ward pay their fair share and deserve to see their tax dollars at work for them. What should we expect?

- Get the job done right the first time by improving city contracts and the way services are delivered
- Use sustainable procurement to generate financial, environmental, and social value for every dollar spent
- Reprioritize existing budgets to reflect community values
- Reduce the use of debt funding

Increase Value for Service

Citizens should see their taxes reflected in the services the City provides. Transit, waste removal, road clearing, recreation, water management, road and infrastructure repairs, all need to be delivered on time and on budget. How do we get that?

- Value and empower staff to find efficiency and provide quality services through culture shifting and increased reinforcement and accountability
- Ensure public services create good value
- Keep public services public to ensure affordable access for residents
- Make our transit system more reliable, affordable and safe by providing appropriate funding and flexibility to adapt to changing community needs
- Provide accessible and equitable services and spaces

HI! I'M ERIN

I'll put my passion, drive, and experience to work for you creating a City that works for all of us.

What's important to your future?

Join us online or in social to let me know. As I hear more from the residents of Ward Anirniq, expect this platform to evolve.

