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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 16	Federal Panel Present.
Mar 17	Alliance Board Mtg
Mar 20	MISA Prairies Conf.
Mar 22	Econ Dev AB Conf.
May 19	Alliance Board Mtg
Jun 12 to 14	Can. Open Data Summit (includes Smart City session)
Jun 21	2017 Technovate Conf.

**see Alliance website for event details*

DID YOU KNOW...

The Smart City Alliance Board is made of Smart City leaders, including the City of St. Albert, City of Calgary, City of Edmonton, IBM Canada, Cisco Systems, University of Alberta, and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)

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ALLIANCE TO PRESENT TO HOUSE OF COMMONS STANDING COMMITTEE

The Alberta Smart City Alliance has received another unique opportunity – to present to the Canadian House of Commons' Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, on the topic of Smart Cities.

The Standing Committee (<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Committees/en/TRAN>) is hearing from various organizations to prepare recommendations to the government. Alliance representatives will participate on a small panel and respond to committee questions.

For more information on the Alliance's participation, please contact Travis Peter (Alliance Administrator) at info@smartcityalliance.ca.

ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES MULTIPLE EVENTS FOR 2017

This year, the Alliance plans to host and participate in several exciting events. For example, the Alliance will host a Smart Cities session at the upcoming Canadian Open Data Summit, and participate in partner events with Tecterra, the Economic Developers Association of Alberta, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, and potentially more.

Remember, Alliance members get free or discounted admission to all Alliance events. For more information, watch the Alliance events page at smartcityalliance.ca.

ALLIANCE MASTER AGREEMENT TO BE UPDATED

With the growth and success of the Smart City Alliance over the past two years, Board members have committed to a review and update of the master agreement that created the collaboration. In the coming months, the agreement will be finalized and a celebratory ceremony will be held that all members are welcome to attend.

It was also previously announced that the cities of Edmonton and Calgary would be joining the Board in 2017, which is very positive news.

For a copy of the current Memorandum of Understanding that forms the Alliance, see the [Alliance website](http://smartcityalliance.ca), or contact the Alliance for information on the updated draft.

ALLIANCE CONNECTS WITH PROVINCIAL TRADE OFFICES

Recently the Alliance Administrator has been in contact with trade officials for the Government of Quebec, hoping to explore economic opportunities in Alberta and build interprovincial connections. These types of efforts are well aligned to the Alliance's efforts to support a dynamic Smart Cities market in Alberta. More information is expected in the coming weeks.

ST. ALBERT APPROVES NEXT STEPS ON SMART CITY PLAN

Following the approval of its innovative [Smart City Master Plan](#), the City of St. Albert has now approved an 'implementation plan' that provides additional details and timing as to how the City will approach its Smart City initiatives.

Several projects are scheduled to get underway in 2017, including expanding the municipal-area digital network to more facilities, the foundation of an open-data program, several pilots related to sensors and the "Internet of Things," expanding free Wi-Fi access throughout the city, modernizing technology within city departments, and direct water-usage information for residents.

For more information, contact St. Albert's Smart City branch at smartcity@stalbert.ca.

CANADIAN OPEN DATA SUMMIT COMES TO EDMONTON IN JUNE 2017

From June 12-14, 2017, Edmonton will welcome the Canadian Open Data Summit. The community was selected by Open North in a national competition to host this annual event.

The Summit will bring together hundreds of leaders from public, private, and academic organizations to discuss the topics of open data, analytics, business and innovation opportunities, and partnerships that could support open data ecosystems in Canada. Here is where the most pressing challenges facing the open data and open government communities are addressed on a national scale.

For more information, visit <http://www.opendatasummit.ca>. Ticketing will open on February 10, 2017.

NAIT MOVING FORWARD ON EXCITING "PRODUCTIVITY AND INNOVATION CENTRE"

The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) is in the process of building an exciting new project – a Productivity and Innovation Centre that will focus on applied research, productivity enhancement, and an accelerator for advanced prototyping and manufacturing.

At approximately 17,650 square metres (190,000 square feet), this purpose built space will include state-of-the-art manufacturing labs, acceleration and incubation space for small and medium-sized businesses and applied research space. The space will be highly flexible to evolve to meet the emerging needs of industry. The Centre will also be the home to the expanding Shell Manufacturing Centre, allowing its to help more industry partners.

For more information, see the [NAIT website](#).

HAVE YOUR ORGANIZATION, NEWS, OR EVENT PROFILED!

The Alliance encourages all members (public and private) to send us stories and pictures highlighting your Smart City efforts, research, products / services, etc. One of these spotlights is featured on the next page.

It's easy, and your contributions will be featured (free of charge) each month to stimulate awareness and collaboration!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – CITY OF EDMONTON

Edmonton's award-winning Open City Initiative (launched in June of 2014) is a municipal perspective on the philosophy of open government. Following the creation of the Open City Initiative, the Open City Policy was developed following collaboration with Edmonton's Insight Community. More than 800 individuals took part, collectively generating more than 9,600 ideas and comments which were categorized into five Policy principles - transparency, participation, collaboration, inclusion and innovation.

The Open City Policy was adopted by Edmonton's City Council on April 14, 2015, and since then has expanded from a governing document to a defining influence for the way the Corporation interacts with its citizens and stewards information.

As part of the Open City Initiative, Edmonton's Open Data Strategy provides a measurable action plan to enhance Edmonton's robust Open Data program by increasing the volume and quality of free and accessible machine-readable data, creating opportunities for informed citizens to discuss innovative opportunities for growth and realizing the economic and social value of open data.

The City of Edmonton is a leader in the use of innovation to improve municipal services, from public safety to public works to transit and was recently recognized as a Top7 Intelligent Community 2017 by the Intelligent Community Forum. To capitalize on the success of Edmonton's ingenuity and thirst for innovation, the Open Data Strategy will inform the development of a Smart City Strategy. The Smart City Strategy will create an integrated approach to leverage information and new technology to further improve Edmonton's resiliency, livability and workability under a single "Smart City" brand.

