

Media Advisory: Mayor Don Iveson is EPL's first Forward Thinking Speaker of 2020

Edmonton, AB, Monday, Jan. 27 — News media are invited to attend the Edmonton Public Library's first Forward Thinking Speaker Series event of 2020, *Mayor Don Iveson: Building a City for 2 Million People*.

Mayor Don Iveson will be joined by youth leaders, Kaelin Koufogiannakis and Robyn Taylor to discuss the City Plan and what it will take to build the Edmonton of tomorrow, including how we can plan for a city that will offer future generations a bright economic future.

Date: Thursday, Jan. 30

Event Begins: 7 p.m.

Location: Triffo Theatre (MacEwan University), 11110, 104 Ave NW

Mayor Don Iveson, Panelist Kaelin Koufogiannakis, Panelist Robyn Taylor and EPL's Executive Director of Strategy and Innovation, Tina Thomas, will be available for interviews before the formal event begins at 6:15 p.m. to discuss EPL's Forward Thinking Speaker Series. Media are asked to arrive at 6 p.m. if setup is required.

Interview requests must be arranged by Wednesday, Jan. 29.

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About the Edmonton Public Library

The Edmonton Public Library (EPL) is proud to be 2014 Library of the Year, as well as the first public library in Canada to win Canada's Most Admired™ Corporate Cultures award by Waterstone Human Capital, as of 2018! We've come a long way since 1913 when books were all you could find on our shelves... and we're just getting started! Today, EPL carries everything you care about. We are Edmonton's largest lender of all manner of information and entertainment. Our professionally trained staff take you beyond Google with the knowledge, discernment and desire to help you navigate a universe of information. The second most visited place in Edmonton, every year EPL hosts over 15.4 million in-branch and online visits across our 21 branches and website. We deliver our incredible content to you everywhere – in the library, at home or on your handheld device. Unmatched access and unrivalled value – that is today's EPL. EPL is

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About Panelist Kaelin Koufogiannakis (Koo-fuh-jin-ah-kiss)

Kaelin Koufogiannakis is a young city builder who works as a planner at Stantec and is currently completing a Bachelor of Arts in Planning at the University of Alberta. She volunteers as a board member of Paths for People and is an avid year-round cyclist. As a 21 year old who grew up in Edmonton, she is passionate about empowering youth to shape how their city evolves for the “next million people.”

About Panelist Robyn Taylor

Robyn Taylor is a student at the University of Alberta working towards a degree in Economics and Biological Sciences. She has always made it her goal to be an active member of the community and to give back wherever she can. To do so, she currently serves as the Social Equity Chair on the City of Edmonton Youth Council, and program coordinator for the youth collective, YEG The Come Up. Robyn is passionate about the empowerment of Edmonton’s diverse African and Caribbean youth communities, as well as making the city a desirable place for youth to live and prosper in. She is excited to see the work done with the City Plan and is honoured to speak at the event.

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