

Investigating Edmonton's winter patios through the lens of climate-sensitive design

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The City of Edmonton (COE) has developed a WinterCity Strategy to transform Edmonton into a great winter city. One of the ten strategy goals is to “Develop a Four-Season Patio Culture” in Edmonton. The implementation plan was passed in September 2013, and actions towards creating a four-season patio culture have begun. There are still hurdles to overcome in creating a winter patio culture in Edmonton however, as four-season patio spaces are sparse, and relatively poorly attended. This research explores the role of climate-sensitive design in existing winter the City of Edmonton (COE) approach to encourage a four-season patio culture. Qualitative analysis is being conducted through interviews with COE planners and patio owners in Edmonton, and through an analysis of the policies, laws, and guidelines affecting these spaces.

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