

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **Veteran city manager honoured with public sector award**

## ***Al Maurer recognized for outstanding career of service***

Alberta Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Norman Kwong recently presented the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration to Edmonton City Manager Al Maurer. The award, which recognizes a public employee for demonstrating a career of excellence and dedication to the public service, is given out each year by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada Edmonton and Calgary Regional Groups.

"It's my pleasure to thank Al Maurer for his years of outstanding contributions to the City of Edmonton," said Lieutenant Governor Kwong. "Al has served as a dedicated steward of the Capital and has offered an outstanding model of public service that will inspire others for many decades to come."

Maurer, who recently announced plans to retire, has a career in municipal government spanning more than four decades. His first position in the public service was as a summer student responsible for painting traffic lines on roadways in Edmonton. Immediately after graduating he joined the municipality as a full time employee in the position of traffic operations engineer. His skills and abilities led him to progressive positions of leadership until he ultimately became city manager in 2000.

During his tenure as a municipal employee the city has become a recognized leader in the area of environmental waste management and has significantly strengthened its business models including in the areas of transportation and public works. Maurer headed the municipal public service during the construction of the new city hall and established the capital construction department in 2008. His leadership was also instrumental to the city hosting a number of successful international events.

Maurer continually shows the highest standards of professionalism in public service through the values he exemplifies. He is respected for listening and responding to ideas and concerns which has resulted in a culture of trust and respect at the City. His commitment to cooperation and collaboration has also earned him the praise of past and present municipal councilors, representatives from other orders of government, and other public sector groups and private sector businesses and organizations.

"Promoting public service excellence is one of our principles and it is important to recognize those who make such a positive contribution to the way we develop and deliver programs and services," said Chair of the IPAC Edmonton Regional Group, Michele Kirchner. "Al's work and his public service philosophy have been made a lasting difference in our country and abroad."

"Al has set an example that has inspired others in the public and private sectors to give their very best serving citizens. His passion for public service has also attracted others to join and build their careers in the public sector," said Chair of the IPAC Calgary Regional Group, Jackie Kleiner.

IPAC is a national association that has supported best practices in public administration since it was founded in 1947. Through publications, conferences, knowledge networks, and awards, the organization contributes to building stronger public services with activities such as the creation of knowledge networks, promotion of leading research-based theory and practices, sharing information about public administration issues nationally and internationally, and promoting professional development.

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