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BILD Edmonton Metro Appoints Stephen Raitz as Vice President, Policy & Advocacy

Edmonton Metro Region – BILD Edmonton Metro is pleased to announce the appointment of [Stephen Raitz](#) (RPP, MCIP, JD) as its new Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, following a competitive national search led by Leaders International.

Raitz will join BILD Edmonton Metro on June 1, 2026, and will report directly to the CEO as part of the organization’s Executive Leadership Team. In this role, he will lead BILD’s policy and advocacy portfolio, advancing strategic priorities through focused, outcome-driven engagement with municipal governments, industry partners, and members.

“This is a critical role for our organization and our members,” said Kalen Anderson, CEO of BILD Edmonton Metro. “Stephen brings a strong combination of legal, planning, and governance experience, along with a deep understanding of the Edmonton region. His expertise will strengthen our ability to deliver clear, coordinated, and effective advocacy on the issues that matter most to city-building in our region.”

As Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, Raitz will be responsible for shaping policy positions, mobilizing member expertise, and strengthening relationships with municipal partners to advance BILD’s strategic priorities. The role is highly external-facing and central to ensuring alignment across committees, governance, and staff within BILD’s committee-driven model.

“I am honoured to join BILD Edmonton Metro as Vice President, Policy & Advocacy,” said Stephen Raitz. “I greatly appreciate the organization’s commitment to collaboration and look forward to working alongside the expertise and professionalism of its members, Board, and staff. Over my lifetime, I’ve witnessed incredible growth across the region and continued improvement in how we go about building and rebuilding our communities. I look forward to advancing practical, effective advocacy that supports strong communities, a competitive investment climate, and efficient growth across the Edmonton region.”

Raitz brings extensive experience in land use planning, regulatory strategy, and advocacy. Most recently, he practiced as a lawyer at Brownlee LLP, working across their municipal law department. He is a Registered Professional Planner and Juris Doctor.

He also brings governance experience from seven years on different City of Edmonton commissions and appeal boards, where he produced recommendations to council, authored decisions and applied evolving case law in Alberta’s planning context.



His earlier career includes planning roles across the region with the City of Edmonton, the City of Beaumont, and Municipal Planning Services.

A lifelong resident of the Edmonton region, Raitz is actively involved in community life, including previous work with Paths for People and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. He is also a member of Rapid Fire Theatre, where he performs improv and mentors youth, reflecting strong communication skills and an ability to engage diverse audiences.

Raitz has previously collaborated with BILD Edmonton Metro on initiatives such as the Downtown Pedestrianization Plan and has supported the organization as a moderator and emcee.

Upon starting in the role, Raitz will undertake a listening and engagement period with members, committees, municipal leaders, and stakeholders across the region. Early priorities will include advancing development south of 41 Avenue, shaping regional budget advocacy strategies, advancing regulatory and permitting improvements to enable efficient investment opportunities, and strengthening engagement across greenfield, infill, and downtown development committees.

“We live in an attractive and affordable region that continues to welcome more residents. Edmonton’s City Plan calls for continued greenfield growth alongside accelerated infill development, as we build towards a population of two million people in a growing metro region. I look forward to working with industry, the City, and the community to prepare for this growth in a way that prioritizes efficient, effective development,” Raitz reflected.

“This appointment supports the continued advancement of our Strategic Plan,” added Anderson. “We are confident Stephen will help strengthen BILD’s voice and impact across the region.”

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