

## Media Release

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### Edmonton Artist's Design for Capital Boulevard a Success!

*Edmonton* – Decorative glass finials by Edmonton glass artist Keith Walker will adorn Capital Boulevard starting in Spring 2014. Walker, along with Edmonton Arts Council, EPCOR, and City of Edmonton personnel, conducted a successful installation test of his proposed design on Tuesday, May 14 on the corner of 108 Street and 102 Avenue.

Capital Boulevard (108 Street) is currently undergoing extensive development. The finished project will serve as a new ceremonial street between MacEwan University and the Alberta Legislature Building. Walker's design, which will adorn 68 new light standards, was chosen as the Percent for Art portion of the re-development.

To realize the design, the artist will **handcraft up to 204 individual sculptural elements** of coloured, blown and sandblasted glass at his studio in North Edmonton. Each piece will be sealed with a protective coating to minimize the risk of breakage.

The logistics of, and meticulous care required by, this project mean fabrication will take up to a year to complete. To ensure ease of installation by City of Edmonton crews, Walker has created a custom system of poles and aluminum screws and caps. The test was to ensure the effectiveness of the assembly system and mitigate cost overruns due to installation delays.

For more information about Keith Walker and to see images of the prototype and installation process, please visit the Public Art Online Gallery – [www.edmontonpublicart.ca/#!/details/95](http://www.edmontonpublicart.ca/#!/details/95) Final installation is expected to take place in the spring of 2014.

More information regarding the Capital Boulevard Redevelopment can be found at [http://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/projects\\_redevelopment/capital-boulevard.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/projects_redevelopment/capital-boulevard.aspx)

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