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Mayor Stephen Mandel to proclaim June 10, 2013, "John Mahon Day"

Edmonton... After 17 years with the Edmonton Arts Council, Executive Director John Mahon is leaving the organization. To thank John for his dedication to supporting and promoting Edmonton's arts community, Mayor Mandel will proclaim June 10, 2013, to be John Mahon Day in the City of Edmonton.

The official proclamation will be made prior to the Edmonton Arts Council Annual General Meeting at Metro Cinema (8712 109 St.) on June 10:

7:00 p.m.- Official proclamation and plaque presentation (photo opportunity)

7:15 p.m.- AGM business

7:45 p.m.- Community celebration to honour John Mahon and welcome incoming Executive Director Paul Moulton

"Under John's leadership we have seen Edmonton's arts community grow and flourish, due in large part to his passion and down-to-earth commitment to getting things done," said Mayor Stephen Mandel. "His impact on this community and on all of us who have worked alongside him will certainly be felt for generations."

"Many people have spoken and written about John Mahon's exemplary and inspiring leadership over the past 15 years. I can personally attest to the generosity and fervour with which he tackles complex issues in a collaborative manner," said Edmonton Arts Council board chair Nicole Reeves. "John goes on his way to new opportunities and adventures with our thanks."

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The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. The Edmonton Arts Council works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life.

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