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Art to cruise communities on waste collection vehicles

Edmonton – The Edmonton Arts Council unveiled the first of several colourful, art-wrapped waste collection vehicles going into service on city streets.

The City recently built a new operations building at the Integrated Services Facilities – Northeast Kennedale Complex, and as with all eligible city construction projects, there is a public art component.

The public art involves panels that will be installed on the new building in the fall. In addition, the artwork will be brought to Edmontonians on several waste collection vehicles.

“The vehicles are a highly visible aspect of the City’s waste management system,” said John Mahon, Executive Director of the Edmonton Arts Council. “This is a great way to bring the art to our neighbourhoods so more people can experience it.”

The colourful art-wrapped waste collection vehicles will be rolled out onto the streets over the next few months and will provide collection services in different neighbourhoods throughout the city.

The six permanent companion panels on the building will be unveiled after the new building is complete and operational.

Three Alberta artists each provided two images that were made into vinyl wraps for the waste collection vehicles: Karen Campos, Edmonton; Jeff Chan, Lethbridge; and David Goulden, Calgary.

This isn’t the first time art has been applied to waste vehicles. Philadelphia started a truck beautification program in 2009 that began with 10 waste trucks getting similarly wrapped in art.

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About the Edmonton Arts Council

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

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