



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Building Great Neighbourhoods initiative (BGN) coordinates the efforts of three City of Edmonton programs—Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal, Neighbourhood Renewal and the Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program—to improve livability by renewing, replacing and enhancing neighbourhood infrastructure.

Your neighbourhood has been chosen for reconstruction. The City will:

- Renew and replace sewers.
- Coordinate utility repairs with EPCOR Water and ATCO Gas.
- Reconstruct roads, curbs and sidewalks on City-owned property and replace streetlights.
- Work with residents to identify improvements to pedestrian and cycling accessibility.
- Work with residents to find opportunities for improvements on City-owned property to enhance neighbourhood livability.

BGN follows the City's standard five-phase project stages model:



### STRATEGY

The City evaluates neighbourhood infrastructure condition (e.g. sewers, roads and sidewalks) across Edmonton on an ongoing basis to identify neighbourhoods for reconstruction and align work with other City initiatives (e.g. parks, cycling facilities, traffic access, etc.) Neighbourhoods are prioritized and scheduled based on factors such as: budget; maintenance history; coordination with other infrastructure works (e.g. EPCOR and ATCO utilities); and review of detailed condition assessments.



### CONCEPT

(Meeting ONE with local community league)

The BGN team meets with your community league to explain the reconstruction process and gather information that will inform preliminary neighbourhood design. The team:

- Outlines the BGN processes and timing.
- Asks about any community-led projects or initiatives that could align with or affect opportunities for City investments in the neighbourhood.
- Hears suggestions for improvements to pedestrian/cycling access and overall livability.
- Advises the community league about the decorative streetlight local improvement process. This process is led by the community as property owners pay 100% of the cost above standard replacement streetlights.



## DESIGN

(Meeting TWO with all residents and property owners)

This public meeting is an opportunity to review and provide input on the City's preliminary neighbourhood designs. The project team:

- Informs residents about how and why their neighbourhood has been chosen for reconstruction.
- Engages residents in reviewing preliminary designs and explains how their input will inform final design.
- Explains Neighbourhood Renewal local improvements and associated costs:
  - **Sidewalk reconstruction:** This City-initiated local improvement is cost-shared 50-50 between the City and property owners. Property owners may petition against sidewalk reconstruction. If 50% + 1 of property owners within a project area petition against sidewalk reconstruction, the City will only do maintenance work on existing sidewalks.
  - **Decorative streetlights:** The City replaces all neighbourhood streetlights with standard galvanized LED streetlights. Property owners may choose to upgrade to decorative streetlights, the cost of which is covered 100% by property owners. If 50% + 1 of property owners are in favour, decorative streetlights will be installed and the cost above standard streetlights will be added to property tax bills.



## BUILD

(Meeting THREE with all residents and property owners)

This public meeting is an opportunity to review the City's final neighbourhood design. The project team:

- Displays and explains the final neighbourhood design, highlighting pedestrian and cycling accessibility and improvements to enhance the neighbourhood's livability.
- Review the local improvement process with property owners.
- Informs residents of what to expect during the multi-year construction process.



## OPERATE

New infrastructure serves residents and property owners for decades. Any deficiencies detected within two years after construction are fixed under warranty.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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