

## BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

### ARGYLL MEETING THREE

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The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Argyll, with neighbourhood reconstruction beginning in spring 2013. As the City is committed to involving Edmontonians in the decisions that affect them, residents were asked to provide input, to identify missing sidewalk connections and other opportunities to add to Argyll's livability.

The first neighbourhood meeting was held with the community league executive on April 10, 2012. A second public meeting was held at École J.H. Picard on September 20, 2012.

The final meeting was held January 31, 2013 at École J.H. Picard. At this meeting the City shared the final design and construction schedule for the neighbourhood.

The following provides a general overview of comments and questions from the meeting.

#### ARGYLL ROAD FENCE

- *What about the fence along Argyll Road and 63 Ave?*
- *At our community league's AGM in September 2012, community members were excited and enthusiastic about having a sidewalk built along Argyll Road with a fence between Argyll Road and the Argyll neighbourhood. However, I didn't see this as an option related to "beautification" in the final design. This is a priority for community members.*

The conflicts in this area restrict building additional infrastructure such as sidewalks and fences in this location. A new sidewalk was initially planned to connect the missing link between 83 Street and 91 Street. However, this construction is restricted by conflicts with existing utilities, power poles and mature trees. Instead, the City has proposed a new sidewalk to connect the east limit of 64 Avenue to the intersection of 83 Street and Argyll Road. This new connection allows for improved east-west pedestrian circulation through Argyll.

#### CONSTRUCTION

- *What is the construction timeframe?*

Park Paving, the reconstruction contractor, is scheduled to start working in Argyll in early July. EPCOR began installing streetlights in April/May. If you have any further question or concerns feel free to contact the construction manager, Avi Thiessen at 780-495-9963.

- *How much of the sidewalk will be done at once, i.e. how do I get home/go out for the 24-hours the sidewalk is curing?*

There are a number of factors that affect property owners throughout the construction phase. Each situation is treated on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the construction project manager, Avi Thiessen, at 780-495-9963 regarding construction in your area.

#### LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

- *Why did the speaker not indicate extent of "project" for petitions related to sidewalk?*

Every project has a unique boundary relating to a specific area. The extent of the project can be found in the Local Improvement package that all property owners received in the mail.

- *The Local Improvement slide showing cost responsibilities for decorative lighting should be edited to clarify that residents are responsible for 100% of the incremental cost over and above the standard street lighting.*

Thank-you, this will be taken under consideration.

#### TRAFFIC

- *There's been an increase in traffic shortcutting through Argyll from 86 Street and Argyll Road to 99 Street ever since all the water problems occurred in 2012 on Argyll west of 86 Street.*

Traffic Operations will install a counter to see how traffic has increased.

#### TRAFFIC SIGNALS/PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

- *I would like a safe crosswalk with overhead yellow flashing lights along the trail that crosses 66 Ave to Mill Creek Ravine. Can this be factored into the plan?*
- *Put pedestrian signage at the intersection stopping people from crossing when the north/south pedestrian light says not to (increase safety).*

The traffic volume along 66 Avenue does not warrant a need for a pedestrian signal at this location, however, additional signs will be considered to alert drivers of the pedestrian crossing.

- *Increase the length at the left-turn lane from Argyll Road eastbound into the neighbourhood to 86 Street.*

Unfortunately, this is outside of the scope of this project, but it will be considered in future projects along Argyll Road.

#### TRANSIT

- *Could the bus service through Argyll be designed to connect to the University once the SE LRT is in place?*

People will have to continue to transfer to Whyte Avenue buses headed for the University or transfer at Southgate to the LRT.

#### OTHER

- *What about the demolition of Argyll School?*

Funding for the demolition of Argyll School was approved in 2012 from surplus funds.