

## BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

### DELTON MEETING THREE

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The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Delton, 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 Delton's livability.

The first neighbourhood meeting was held with the community league executive on April 2, 2012. A second public meeting was held on September 27, 2012. The final meeting was held February 27, 2013 at Delton School. 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.

#### ALLEY RENEWAL

- I have reported a badly deteriorated (sunken) condition of a portion of alley. No repair has yet been done.*

Roadways received a notification in May 2012, and according to the City records the problem was corrected on September 18, 2012. The City's records do not indicate any outstanding work at this location. To report a problem, call 311 or visit [www.edmonton.ca/transportation](http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation) for more information.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

- Will Edmonton go back to rounding up stray animals roaming the streets? They are defecating on the sidewalks.*

Animal Care & Control Officers typically investigate complaints of: excessive barking; dog bites or attacks; unlicensed pets; dogs or cats at large; failure to clean up pet defecation; problem wildlife, or; dead animals on public property. To register a complaint, call 311 or visit [www.edmonton.ca/bylaws](http://www.edmonton.ca/bylaws) for more information on animal care and control.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PRESENTATION

- Melinda's presentation was very well done.*
- Thank you for the info. It must be difficult to be subjected to the "angry mob" mentality night after night! \$12 a month for new sidewalks is well worth the money.*
- I have specific question in reference to my street, 95A Street, however the designers were not available to answer my question. Having on site obviously should be helpful.*

#### PROPERTY VALUES

- Will these improvements jack up my property value and therefore my taxes? This would be double dipping at the very least since we have to pay half the exorbitant cost already. The city wastes our taxes on corporate welfare, backs money losing ventures which only benefits tourist business, hires expensive consultants to do cost studies on pipe dream projects, so the taxpayer has to pay for basic infrastructure out of our own pockets. Not many Edmontonians are millionaires.*

An outcome of the Building Great Neighbourhoods Initiative is to improve the livability of our neighbourhoods. As part of this program, the City is able to fund 50 per cent of the cost of the new sidewalk reconstruction. To determine if these improvements increase property value, it is advised to contact some independent realtors. The cost for 50 per cent of the sidewalks was mailed to the property owner. This cost is added to your municipal tax assessment.

## SIDEWALKS

- *How do we find out about the sidewalk vote?*

Final approval for the new sidewalks was determined at the end of March 2013. If the sidewalk reconstruction project area is defeated, all affected property owners will be notified. Alternatively, should the sidewalk reconstruction project be supported, property owners will not receive any documentation. Construction may begin at any time providing the weather is favorable. Notifications will be mailed prior to work on your street or to inquire further on the status of the sidewalk reconstruction proposed in front of your property, please contact Local Improvement staff at 780-944-7663.

- *Why are homeowners required to clear the sidewalks when the City turns a blind eye to sidewalks in front of public buildings?*

In Edmonton, home and business owners are responsible to clear snow and ice from City sidewalks adjacent to their property throughout the winter season and into the spring when freeze/thaw conditions are common. The City is responsible for clearing snow and sanding ice from sidewalks around bus stops, schools, hospitals and some park trails. To register a snow complaint, call 311 or visit [www.edmonton.ca/bylaws](http://www.edmonton.ca/bylaws) for more information.