



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS : Dovercourt

THE DOVERCOURT NEIGHBOURHOOD has been chosen for reconstruction starting in Spring 2012. This means the City of Edmonton plans to replace the roads, curbs, sidewalks and street lights in the Dovercourt neighbourhood.

To maximize efficiency and minimize disruption to residents, City of Edmonton Drainage Services is replacing and/or repairing sewer pipes in advance of road replacement. The City is also working with other utility companies such as ATCO Gas and EPCOR Water to address any utility repairs or replacements in your neighbourhood prior to rebuilding the roads.

DOVERCOURT RESIDENT INPUT

The City of Edmonton is committed to involving Edmontonians in the decisions that affect them. This spring, Dovercourt residents and property owners were invited to the first of three public meetings about the work that will be done in their neighbourhood.

Residents were asked to provide input at the meetings and through an online survey to identify missing sidewalk connections and improvements the Great Neighbourhoods Improvement Fund could invest in that would add to the livability of the area.

On May 17, 2011, 265 people attended an information meeting at the Dovercourt Community Hall. In addition to the public meeting, residents were invited to go to the City's website and view the video and documents; then fill out the online survey. Twenty-one Dovercourt residents filled out the online survey and edmonton.ca/BuildingDovercourt was visited 207 times in a two-week period.

The following provides a general overview of resident comments. All comments were reviewed and considered in the preliminary design.

IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY

Dovercourt residents named a variety of areas for improved pedestrian accessibility. The City reviewed all suggestions and will be constructing sidewalk in the following areas as part of neighbourhood renewal:

- North of 122B Avenue (located in the public utility lot), linking 140 Street to 141 Street
- Along the north side of 124B Avenue, linking 134 Street to 135 Street
- Along the west side of the St. Albert Trail Service Road, linking the north side of the commercial properties to 124B Avenue
- Along the west side of St. Albert Trail, linking the new service road sidewalk to Bus Stop #5173

In addition, as part of the neighbourhood renewal, curb ramps will be constructed at all intersections within the neighbourhood.

The neighbourhood was also assessed for implementation of intersection enhancements. The goal of these modifications is to improve the visibility and reduce pedestrian crossing distances of more vulnerable road users, such as seniors, children, and the mobility challenged. Two areas of opportunity were identified in Dovercourt and are located at:

- Dovercourt Avenue and 122 Avenue
- 121 Avenue and 141 Street

Formalized bicycle routes have been identified for Dovercourt along parts of 135 Street, 122 Avenue, 140 Street, and 124 Avenue.



STOP THE SPEEDING

Speeding at a variety of Dovercourt neighbourhood locations was cited as a problem by many residents. Edmonton Police Service has been notified of speeding concerns in the community and have established photo enforcement sites.

The City is also conducting an analysis of the need for four-way stops at some intersections.

Residents also requested their community have a 40 KM hour speed limit. The Transportation Services department is collecting results of a community survey and awaiting direction from City Council on whether reduced speed limits will remain in the pilot communities.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Several Dovercourt residents suggested adding more crosswalks in the neighbourhood. Traffic and pedestrian volumes at the locations identified were measured and site checks were conducted. It was found that the current controls were appropriate at all the locations. Therefore there will be no additional crosswalks added during neighbourhood renewal as the level of protection at the pedestrian crossings in Dovercourt meets current guidelines.

IMPROVE LIVABILITY

Residents agreed the replacement of Dovercourt roads, curbs, concrete sidewalks and streetlights will improve the neighbourhood's livability.

Additional suggestions to add to the livability of the neighbourhood ranged from adding Welcome to Dovercourt signs at several neighbourhood entrances to adding fencing along a greenbelt north of 118 Avenue and adding more public garbage cans in the area.

Each of the suggestions were reviewed and informed the Great Neighbourhoods Improvement Fund investments for the 2012-2013 neighbourhood renewal process.

Currents projects to be considered :

- Reviewing the feasibility of a Welcome To Dovercourt sign in the current roadway at various locations

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