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LANDSDOWNE MEETING THREE

FEBRUARY 11, 2016 6:30-8:30 PM

The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Lansdowne beginning in spring 2016. As the City is committed to involving Edmontonians in the decisions that affect them, residents have been asked to provide input, to identify missing sidewalk connections and opportunities for other investments to add to Lansdowne's livability.

The City held its first meeting with the community league executive on October 14, 2014. A second neighbourhood-wide meeting was held March 17, 2015. A final pre-construction meeting was held February 11, 2016.

Lansdowne residents had the opportunity to review the final design for the neighbourhood and learn about the construction process. Staff members from Transportation Infrastructure, Facility and Landscape Infrastructure, Citizen Services, Drainage and Forestry were on hand to address residents' questions.

The following provides a general overview of comments and questions from the meeting, received from emails and from the online comment form.

ALLEYS

- *The two alleys along the pipeline - paving the alleys will probably create more speeding by vehicle traffic - how will this be regulated, no alley improvement needed.*

Laneways and alleys are not part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Program. Residents who live in properties next to an alley can petition for alley improvement and are responsible for the costs. To begin the local improvement process, you must collect a majority (greater than 50%) of property owners' signatures on an Expression of Interest to request the City to initiate the alley paving project. The Expression of Interest identifies the location of the improvement, alley local improvement rates for that year and the benefiting properties. More information on this can be found here:

- http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/about-local-improvements.aspx
- http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/alley-renewal.aspx

For further information on the City's process for paving your back alley, or to obtain an Expression of Interest, contact Neighbourhood Renewal at 780-944-7663.

CONSTRUCTION

- *Presence of inspectors who will be watching to see contractors do not take shortcuts, that proper materials are used, and workers are given breaks.*

There will be an inspector on site when the contractor is working. He or she will be monitoring the work is done to City of Edmonton specifications and ordering the quality assurance testing by the City of Edmonton lab of materials placed. The contractor is responsible for scheduling breaks for his workers. City of Edmonton employees will be following breaks as per their union contract and Fatigue Management Guidelines.



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MEETING FORMAT

- *Very poor acoustics - not able to hear all. Very difficult to hear.*

We apologize for the difficulties in hearing the presentation. Providing effective audio support for presentations is an ongoing challenge given the designs of the presentation spaces. While school gyms provide the needed space for the number of people attending the meeting, they are not designed to provide good acoustics for presentations. We do make use of speakers and microphones to try to overcome some of these challenges. Unfortunately, this equipment can cause other challenges for hearing the presentation by causing an echo effect.

The presentation and display boards used at the meeting are available for viewing at edmonton.ca/buildinglansdowne. If you have any further questions about the presentation, please contact us by calling 311 or emailing buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca.

- *Question period should be open. Microphone so all can hear questions/concerns.*
- *Question from the floor directed to each speaker at the microphones after their presentations.*

City staff from various departments are available to answer questions during the meeting. Previously, we held Q&A sessions after presentations and found that this approach only allowed for a small number of questions from a few people. By making a number of subject matter experts available to answer questions after the presentation, we can answer more individual questions and also address specific questions that residents and property owners may have.

- *Visual displays too close together to access. Project representatives not enough access.*

We are sorry you were unable to fully access the displays and City staff. Unfortunately, we are limited in how the displays can be set up given the presentation space. The presentation and display boards used at the meeting are available for viewing at edmonton.ca/buildinglansdowne. If you have any further questions about the presentation, please contact us by calling 311 or emailing buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca.

PARKING

- *I am greatly concerned about parking at the corner of 51 Ave and 123 St, particularly during school days. It is dangerous because vehicles are turning up 123 and cannot see cars parked there, and children crossing are in danger. Consider no parking signs at this intersection.*

The curb return radii at the intersection will be reconstructed as per current standard, it will improve the drivers' sight-line. In addition, the City has proposed to replace the existing crosswalk with a zebra crossing to enhance pedestrian safety.

Traffic bylaw C5590 prohibits vehicles from parking too close to the intersection or stop/yield signs (details of this bylaw can be found on the City website). Unfortunately, some people do not follow the bylaw.



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To file a complaint about an illegally parked vehicle, contact the Edmonton Police Service's dispatch services at 780-423-4567 and ask for the Parking Patrol section. If you reach the voice messaging system, follow the prompts for making a parking complaint. More information on this can be found here:

http://www.edmonton.ca/bylaws_licences/bylaws/parking-enforcement-faq.aspx

To limit the on-street parking, you can apply for the residential parking program as outlined here:

http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/driving_carpooling/residential-parking.aspx

POLICE PATROLLING

- *The info signage was great about the community meeting. But our block had a break in a week ago and cars were spotted in neighbourhood unknown to anyone. Could police patrol's be done in those neighbourhoods during publicly known meeting times? Vs dealing with break-ins post meetings? Like for the Lansdowne meeting.*

Citizens are welcome to submit a request for police patrols by calling or attending the Division in which the event occurs. The Edmonton Police Service non-emergency phone number is 780-423-4567. Officer availability will vary depending on calls for service and staffing levels.

SIDEWALKS

- *I would like the same sidewalk width.*
- *49 Ave sidewalks need to remain 1.0 meters!*

The City has done a site visit to verify the existing sidewalk dimension on 51 Avenue and 49 Avenue. The existing sidewalk along these two streets were built at 1.5m from the back of sidewalk to the back of the curb. If the width of the curb is included, the total width is 1.65m. The proposed straight face monolithic sidewalk will be built at the width of 1.65m from the back of the sidewalk to the face of the curb as per the current standard (refer to detail 5110 in Volume 2 Roadways Standard http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/documents/RoadsTraffic/Volume_2_-_Roadways_May_2012.pdf).

TRAFFIC

- *The intersection located at 122A Street NW and 48 Ave is currently a high traffic intersection. Currently it is controlled by a yield sign. This makes it possible to travel along 122A Street NW at speeds far exceeding 50kmph. In addition due to the street being heavily parked up visual sight lines do not exist when exiting the alley or entering 122A St from 48 Ave. It is extremely dangerous and has had more than one major traffic accident. In addition it causes risk to the adjacent crosswalk. All this could easily be controlled by stop signs!*
- *Regarding traffic cutting through 122A St during rush hour -> install a no L turn sign during peak hours!*
- *I am happy you are not encouraging more traffic down 122A Street.*

Transportation Operations has conducted a preliminary review of the two intersections in Lansdowne. In reviewing the overall neighbourhood network, it is unlikely that these two intersections would meet the required activity levels to upgrade existing controls to an all-way stop. A historical review of these intersections does not show high collisions over the past three years.



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Note that the primary purpose of traffic control devices is to assign right-of-way. In particular, all-way stop controls provide sequential right-of-way to relative equal volumes of balanced traffic in addition to other activity criteria. Inappropriate installation of all-way stop control leads to driver frustration, low compliance, reduced pedestrian safety, increased mid-block speeds and environmental impacts. All-way stop control is not intended to curtail other poor driving behaviour, the mechanism for that is enforcement either through the Edmonton Police Service for general moving violations or Office of Traffic Safety for photo enforcement.