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ROSSLYN MEETING TWO

APRIL 16, 2014 6:30-8:30 PM

The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Rosslyn beginning in spring 2015. 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 Rosslyn's livability.

The City held its first meeting with the community league executive on October 2, 2013. A second neighbourhood-wide meeting was held April 16, 2014. A final pre-construction meeting will be held on February 19, 2015.

Rosslyn residents had the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the neighbourhood preliminary design, and learn about the local improvement process. Staff members from Transportation Services, Community Services, Drainage Services and Forestry were on hand to address residents' questions.

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

ALLEYS

- *Our lane is in very poor condition. When will this be addressed?*
- *Issue with deteriorated back lanes along pedway from 127 Ave to 137 Ave.*

The back alleys in question are at least 35-45 years old. Although construction traffic may have accelerated some of the damage, these alleys were already beyond their normal lifespans and need reconstruction. About 60% of the City's alleys fall into this category.

Unfortunately the City does not currently have a funded program to address back alleys. Neighbourhood Renewal is dedicated to front residential streets only. Roadway Maintenance does patch potholes and keep the alleys passable, however property owners may petition and pay for an alley renewal local improvement. More information is available at www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements

BIKE LANES

- *Bike lanes down main streets (bus routes).*

The north/south bike route for Rosslyn is the existing shared-use path at the south end on 132 Avenue between 102 Street and 103 Street and at the north end of the 137 Avenue service road west of 104A Street. The east/west bike route identified for 132 Avenue is part of the City's larger Bike Network Plan and requires more public engagement to choose its design and alignment, which may or may not be 132 Avenue. More information is at edmonton.ca/bikeplan

DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTS

- *Streetlight EOI deadline is too close. Please extend.*

The Local Improvement process is guided by the Provincial *Municipal Government Act*. The dates are firm to allow enough time for estimating the project cost, determining total assessment length, calculating the expression of



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interest rate, and gathering and validating property owners' signatures. The deadlines ensure enough time to complete this work before reconstruction begins in spring 2015. No extensions can be granted.

- *No fancy streetlights.*

Decorative streetlights are a property owner-initiated local improvement and require a majority of owner support to be carried forward. More information is available at www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements

DRAINAGE

- *Drainage on the west side of the road 135 Ave-103 St-water tends to pool and not reach the east side drain.*

Surface drainage issues will be addressed through roadway reconstruction. Improved grading will ensure that storm water flows to the appropriate catch basin.

NEIGHBOURHOOD LIVABILITY

- *Extend the Grand Trunk Park bike/walking path system through Rosslyn Park (109 Street and 132 Avenue) to the community league facilities and the new sidewalk (to the bus stop) and add some benches.*

Upon review, the City found no established markings in the grass that would indicate use of the space in any particular alignment. The current space allows many different uses. At this time no additional walking paths will be installed. To pursue path extensions and benches, please work with your community league and community recreation coordinator through neighbourhood park development.

To address concerns about the bus stop at 134 Avenue between 111 Street and 112 Street, the City proposes a boulevard sidewalk to connect it to the west community league access.

- *Benches along the parkway (old railway tracks) would be nice.*
- *Will there be lighting along the walking path that goes from 137 Ave to 127 to make it safer?*

Lighting and furniture will be added along the pathway through Rosslyn from 137 Avenue to 127 Avenue.

Many of the small green spaces in Rosslyn have furniture (benches). If you would like to request a picnic table in a specific location, please work with your community recreation coordinator.

SIDEWALK RENEWAL

- *Please provide a breakdown of sidewalk cost.*

The shared 50-50 sidewalk reconstruction cost includes the removal of existing sidewalk, sub-grade preparation, reinforcing steel bar installation, concrete construction (sidewalk, driveway tie-ins, connector walks) and sod replacements. Local improvement notices mailed out include the specific cost to each property owner.

- *The sidewalk that begins at 137 Ave and 105 St and leads to 132 Ave and 103 St has posts knocked over fence on either side of the grass separating the access. Is it possible to have new fence?*



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The existing pathway through Rosslyn from 137 Avenue to 132 Avenue is in good condition; the wooden posts alongside the sidewalk will not be replaced. The existing curb ramps providing access, however, will be replaced.

- *No sidewalk - our taxes should have paid for this by now!*
- *Any added/shared cost to residential/business owners is unacceptable.*

Sidewalk reconstruction is a local improvement—a project that City Council considers of greater benefit to an area within a municipality than the city as a whole. Property owners are the primary beneficiaries and share the cost 50-50 with the City. If 50% +1 of property owners within a project area petition against it, the City will only do maintenance. More information is available at edmonton.ca/localimprovements

- *If we say NO to sidewalk, does that mean nothing is done?*

If the majority (50% +1) of the property owners within your project area petition against sidewalk reconstruction, the City will perform sidewalk maintenance only at no cost to the property owners.

- *Who pays if the sidewalks crumble after two years?*

The City has a two-year warranty period for all work. If the sidewalk cracks or is scaled off during this period, the contractor will replace it as part of their deficiency work. If after two years there is any defect, Roadway Maintenance will assess the sidewalk and fix it accordingly.

- *How do we do a 51% petition if we haven't been told the areas?*

Project area maps are included in the local improvement notice package sent to property owners in early 2015. Property owners can petition against the project in their project area within 30 days of the notice date.

TRAFFIC/PARKING

- *Venta Nursing Home - there is a major parking problem near here.*

For private parking concerns please contact Venta Nursing Home.

- *Scott Robertson School - there are major safety issues regarding parking and bus loading around the school.*
- *Concerned about the thinning of the intersection at 105 St at 135A Ave due to traffic.*

The City proposes making the intersection of 135A Avenue and 105 Street into a T-intersection. This involves realignment of the curb and sidewalk. The modifications will improve vehicle sightlines from all directions, reduce pedestrian crossing distances, and reduce the speed of turning vehicles. This will in turn improve pedestrian movements. Transportation Operations and the Edmonton Public School Board have not received any formal complaints about safety with the bus loading zone and parking around Scott Robertson School. The current road widths on 135A Avenue and 107 Street meet City standards for a local roadway and will not be modified.

- *There are no marked crosswalks to safely access the bus stop across 137 Ave.*



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Every intersection is a legal crossing point for pedestrians regardless of whether there is a marked crosswalk.

- *I am concerned that no improvements are being made to 135 Ave at 97 St.*

In summer 2014 the City provided lane markings to designate the westbound curb lane approach as right-turn only.

- *The intersection at 102 St and 137 Ave was blocked to people going north on 102 St. We have traffic using the service road as a speedway. How can this be rectified? Speed bumps? One way? Local traffic only?*

All drivers are expected to obey the rules of the road. Speeding is an enforcement issue best dealt with by the Edmonton Police Service or the Office of Traffic Safety. Contact 311 for neighbourhood speed management information. Modifications to the service road such as a one-way would be disruptive to the residents living along the road and reduce access, so Transportation Operations would not support this.

- *I have called about potholes in alley last summer three times and no action.*

All calls to 311 or online pothole reports are sent directly to Roadway Maintenance. The group adds the pothole to the list of locations for inspection and repair. The City investigates and addresses all reported roadway issues year-round.

- *4-way stop sign at 101 St and 134 Ave.*

Requests for traffic control changes, including for 4-way stops, are assessed based on established evaluation criteria such as traffic volumes, traffic volume split between the major and minor streets, collision statistics, and the delay for side street traffic. A recent traffic review shows that this intersection does not meet criteria for a 4-way stop.