



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

WESTWOOD MEETING TWO

MARCH 26, 2014 6:30-8:30 PM

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

The City held its first meeting with the community league executive on October 8, 2013. A second neighbourhood-wide meeting was held March 26, 2014. A final pre-construction meeting will be held January 29, 2015.

Westwood 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.

ALLEY RENEWAL

- *EPCOR did the gas lines in our alley and left the alley like speed bumps. Is there any plan to correct this?*

The City does not have an alley pavement renewal program in place. Alley maintenance, which includes pothole and patch repairs, is done by Roadway Maintenance. A complete alley reconstruction may occur either as part of utility (ATCO, EPCOR or drainage) restoration, or as a community-led local improvement paid in full by benefitting property owners. More information is available at www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements

BIKE LANES

- *Would really like to see north-south and east-west bike routes. Especially to the shared pathway of the new LRT.*

The 2009 Bicycle Transportation Plan identifies 119 Avenue as an on-street bike route eastward from 106 Street to the existing shared-use path along the LRT line. In order to minimize impact to residents and maximize cost effectiveness, the portion of the bike route on 119 Avenue between 106 Street and 101 Street will be constructed as part of Neighbourhood Renewal. As 119 Avenue is a local road through Westwood, this portion of the route will consist of shared-use lanes with sharrow pavement markings. There are no approved plans for a bicycle crossing at 119 Avenue and 97 Street, so the route will detour north on 101 Street to 120 Avenue and use the existing 97 Street pedestrian crossing. On the west side of Westwood the 119 Avenue bike route will connect to the shared-use sidewalk along 106 Street between 119 Avenue and 117A Avenue at NAIT.

CONSTRUCTION

- *Will access to my property be hampered while the construction is going on? For how long?*

The City will distribute construction notices 7-10 days before the start of construction next to your property. For 48 hours before construction there will be no parking on the street. During construction one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times under flag person control. No parking will be permitted in signed areas. Access to businesses, residences and alleys will be maintained where possible at all times. Emergency access will be maintained at all times. All residents are asked to access their homes through the alleys if possible during construction. If you have special access requirements, such as DATS, please advise the construction project manager, Mark Morton, at (780) 944-7692.



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- *I am concerned about the new sidewalk going in along 124 Ave and the impact it will have on my driveway.*

This sidewalk will complete a missing pedestrian link along 124 Avenue between 97 Street and 107 Street. Although a portion of your driveway will need to be reconstructed, necessary precautions will be made to minimize the impacts. The contractor will attempt to match the existing pattern as closely as possible.

DRAINAGE

- *Drainage on street and snow melt, rain in front of my residence drains from in front all the way to 106 St.*

Surface drainage issues will be addressed through roadway reconstruction, which will ensure that storm water flows to the appropriate catch basin. If you experience continued pooling in this location please contact Drainage Operations through 311 so they can investigate the problem. It is also important to ensure proper lot grading, which is the responsibility of property owners. For more information go to www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/flooding_sewers/flood-checkup.aspx or www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/flooding_sewers/residential-lot-grading.aspx

- *Westwood needs bigger sewer water lines. The existing lines are too small. Most times it rains our basements get flooded with sewage. A bigger line I'm sure would help.*

Sewer renewal is essential in order to maintain the structural integrity of the sewers in your neighbourhood. The Flood Prevention Program and the Sewer Upgrading Strategy are newer programs developed in light of flooding in recent years in areas such as Westwood. These programs will be looking at different solutions for flooding, like increased pipe capacity or storm water ponds. Because these programs are in the early stages of development the timing doesn't meet the current Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal schedule. Drainage Services is aware that many of the pipes in Westwood are in very poor condition, so it is important for us to renew them to prevent structural failure that could lead to flooding and interruption of service and would require open cut work.

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL

- *What are the plans for Westwood area? It's old.*

Westwood will undergo full reconstruction, which falls under the Building Great Neighbourhoods initiative. This initiative outlines a cost effective, long-term strategic approach to renew and rebuild sewers, roads, sidewalks and streetlights in existing neighbourhoods and collector roadways. The final neighbourhood design will be shared at the January 29, 2015 open house. For more information please go to edmonton.ca/buildinggreatneighbourhoods

OTHER

- *Garbage receptacles on 124 Ave please.*

Thank you for your suggestion. The City assessed the area and is unable to provide garbage receptacles along 124 Avenue. Typically garbage receptacles can be accommodated by bus stops or in neighbourhood parks. However 124 Avenue is a local residential road that is not on a bus route.

- *Are there plans to upgrade the playground? Maybe to a spray park?*

There are no current plans for updating the playground. Residents interested in initiating this process can speak with the community league or community recreation coordinator. The ornamental pond is currently under review. Through recent public consultations, various concepts were examined and considered. All options presented have appropriate water elements that will allow children access to water play. To learn more go to www.edmonton.ca/city_government/projects_redevelopment/westwood-park-ornamental-pond.aspx



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- *124 Ave - can you add park benches between 97 St-107 St?*

Thank you for your suggestion. After assessing the area, park benches will not be installed along 124 Avenue. There will be a sidewalk installed along the south side of 124 Avenue from 97 Street to 107 Street. As this is a local residential road the boulevard does not allow for appropriate setbacks from the road to accommodate park furniture.

PARKING

- *We are on 102 Street (123 Ave to 124 Ave) and we need parking on both sides of the street.*
- *We would like the City to have parking on both sides of the street on all streets in Westwood.*

A request can be made to Parking Management to change parking restrictions. Two-thirds of the property owners on both sides of the road must agree to the requested changes for the process to proceed. For more information go to www.edmonton.ca/transportation/driving_carpooling/parking.aspx or call 311.

- *Need 'no parking' signs at 122 Avenue and 105 Street. Southbound traffic cannot see around vehicles parking in either blind spot. Residents and visitors should be able to park along 122 Avenue without occupying "blind spots".*
- *What are you going to do immediately about the parking along 122 Ave between 105 St and 107 St?*

122 Avenue will be completed as a stand-alone project running across several neighbourhoods, including Westwood. The project is currently in the early planning stages. Your suggestions will be taken into consideration during planning for the 122 Avenue reconstruction, construction of which is scheduled to begin in 2017. For any immediate safety concerns, please contact 311.

ROADWAYS

- *Open up the corners to turn left at 122 Ave/107 St and at 107 St /Yellowhead Trail with a flashing left light.*

122 Avenue will be completed as a stand-alone project that is currently in the early planning stages; construction is scheduled to begin in 2017. The Yellowhead Trail and 107 Street intersection, as part of an arterial network, is outside of the scope of work for this project.

- *Is the 107 St service road going 'one-way' north going around to cemetery or both ways?*

The City of Edmonton has reviewed the one-way roads in Westwood: 107 Street service road from 122 Avenue to 124 Avenue, and 124 Avenue from 106 Street to 107 Street. We will change these roads to two-way roads with parking on one side. The existing width of the road will remain the same after construction.

- *We need a sound wall from 97 St to 107 St. It is the only section of Yellowhead Trail that is open. Also, noisy from traffic, funeral services and trains.*

A sound wall falls outside of the scope of Neighbourhood Renewal. To inquire about a noise barrier being erected please call 311 to speak to Traffic Operations.

ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

- *The snow is not being properly removed from where people are crossing in most directions from around the Shepherd's Care Facility and on either side of Shepherd's Care and the park.*



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Snow is removed from arterial roadways and bus routes when the driving width or parking area restricts safe movement and is cleared from crosswalks. There is one signalized crosswalk on 122 Avenue next to the Shepherd's Care Facility. For more information, please go to www.edmonton.ca/snowremoval

SIDEWALKS

- *Missing sidewalks on 119 Ave & 104 St, 119 Ave & 103 St, 123 Ave & 104 St, 123 Ave & 107 St.*

The City of Edmonton's policy is to have sidewalks on at least one side of the road for pedestrian accessibility. There is currently a sidewalk on the north side of 119 Avenue between 103 Street and 104 Street, and a sidewalk on the north side of 123 Avenue between 104 Street and 107 Street. Sustainable Transportation will review these locations to determine if there is a need to have a sidewalk on both sides.

- *I want to know regarding the 50-50 sidewalk situation which year that will be showing up on our property tax?*

A Local Improvement notice will be sent to you in early 2015 with all the necessary information regarding how to proceed, including you payment options. The local improvement will take effect the year that construction occurs in front of your property (i.e. if the sidewalk adjacent to your property is constructed in 2016, the cost associated with that will appear on your 2017 tax assessment). For more information go to www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements

TRAFFIC

- *Bulbing at 105 St & 121 Ave, 103 St & 121 Ave, 106 St & 121 Ave - all 4 corners*

Pedestrian volume does not warrant curb extensions at these locations. However, the City is proposing a curb extension on the northwest corner of the intersection at 121 Avenue and 102 Street. This not only reduces the crossing distance for pedestrians but defines the angled parking in front of the Westwood Baptist Church.

- *Increase the timing of the light at the north end of 107 Street and Yellowhead Trail. Not all the cars can make it through the lights.*

Yellowhead Trail is an arterial road and is outside the scope of this project. For inquiries about signal timing, please contact 311 with specific details, including the exact location of the signal, time of day, direction of travel, etc. Transportation Operations will investigate your concern.

- *Due to the traffic on 122 Avenue and the amount of speeding we want another set of lights at 122 Avenue and 105 Street for the crosswalk.*

122 Avenue is outside of the scope of work for this project and will be completed as a stand-alone project that is currently in the early planning stages, with construction scheduled to begin in 2017. Your suggestions will be considered when 122 Avenue is reconstructed. For any immediate safety concerns, please contact 311.