



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

WESTMOUNT NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE JUNE 18, 2013 6:30 - 9:30P.M.

ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Theresa Burbank	Dave Onishenko
Ramona Czakert	Jane Purvis
Franson	Tim Regnier
Kajsa Duke	Teresa Ritter
Chris Hamby	Jeremy Schiff
Dianne Hopkin	Carla Stolte
Phil Lachambre	

ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Cathy Dytiuk, Great Neighbourhoods
Dale Lehman, Neighbourhood Renewal
Stephanie McCabe, Complete Streets
Chris McMorran, CRC
Janice Scott, Drainage Services
Tony Sestito, Neighbourhood Renewal
Catherine Kloczkowski, Communications

The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Westmount community league to share the City's plans to renew and replace sanitary and storm sewers, reconstruct roads, curbs and sidewalks on City-owned property, and replace streetlights starting in 2015. The team also introduced the Complete Streets Pilot Project that will be undertaken in conjunction with Neighbourhood Renewal.

City presentation included:

- An outline of the Building Great Neighbourhoods process and timing.
- An outline of the Complete Streets Pilot Project and how consultation with Westmount residents will inform the final neighbourhood design.
- A question to the league about any initiatives underway that could align with or impact opportunities for any City capital investment.
- The City listening to league suggestions for capital improvements that could be made during the construction process to improve pedestrian and

cycling access and the livability or attractiveness of Glenora.

- An overview of the Local Improvement process and the choices property owners will make.
- A request for the community league's help in advertising future Building Great Neighbourhood meetings.

The following provides an overview of the discussion:

League: The community league has a Mini Pedway Park project underway in the community. The Province provided the last piece of money needed to construct the park at the corner of 104 Avenue and 125 Street. Construction will begin sometime between August and October. The park is used for walking dogs and provides an access point for shopping and restaurants. As there is significant traffic in this area, adding lighting will be an improvement. The design also includes adding benches so people will stop and linger in the park. Finally, there will be a pathway added through the ravine to Groat Road.

City: The City is interested in the plans for this project and will connect with the community league to see if it can support or tie into the project.

League: Is their flexibility in the Bike Network Plan surrounding where bike lanes are located? What about curb extensions; is there flexibility with this feature?

City: Preliminary design is informed by a number of factors. While the locations for routes were identified in the 2009 Bike Network Plan and approved by City Council, there is flexibility in the types of bike infrastructure installed on any given road. Consultation with community groups will inform any roadway preliminary design, including the installation of bike infrastructure.

The addition and location of curb extensions is another feature that will require consultation with the community. There is flexibility in the choice of



location. Design looks at the usage of the sidewalks, and other key pedestrian areas before any decisions are made.

League: Does Building Great Neighbourhoods include 124 Street?

City: Arterial roads are not included in Neighbourhood Renewal, only collector streets within the neighbourhood.

League: Some areas have above-ground wooden utility poles. Will the utility lines be buried?

City: The Building Great Neighbourhoods team coordinates with utility companies when Neighbourhood Renewal is undertaken, however the existing lights are on the opposite side of the road to the power line. As such, the new street lights will be on the same side as the existing lights and therefore, the power line would not be installed under ground.

League: Some neighbourhood parks have lights, others could use more lighting. Does this program include lights in parkways?

City: Lights in parks are not typically included in Neighbourhood Renewal. If you would like to start the process to replace lights in your park, please connect with your CRC.

League: Can the streetlights be matched to the light standards in the park?

City: Park lighting is specifically geared for pedestrian traffic, while street lighting is calibrated for traffic safety. However, the community can speak with its CRC as decisions are made on street lighting in the neighbourhood.

League: Does the City dictate the type of lights the neighbourhood can choose?

City: The City has a [brochure](#) with the available decorative streetlight options for neighbourhoods

undergoing Neighbourhood Renewal. Style options are standardized to better manage the costs of inventory, repair, maintenance and replacement of streetlight poles. We have also ensured they are up to code.

The new lights have a longer arm than what is depicted in the fact sheet, and all lights will be upgraded to LED.

League: Can we get the same lights as Glenora?

City: Unfortunately, no. The lighting in that area was a special case and installation was 20 years ago.

League: When it comes to traffic, how do you know how to make changes? For instance, the traffic in front of the school is really bad and cars go really fast.

City: Traffic Operations will conduct traffic monitoring in the neighbourhood. We will use that data as a basis for decision making.

League: We have a street in the neighbourhood that floods every spring. It is at the corner of 125th Street and 104 Avenue. Could this program help with this issue?

City: It really depends on what is causing the flooding. It is likely a grading issue which is typical in older neighbourhoods. During roadway renewal, the roads will be graded to ensure proper drainage to the catch basins. Through drainage renewal, all sewers in the neighbourhood are inspected using cameras and if there are problems with the sewer line, it would be caught during this process. This program does not include upgrading the capacity of the pipes, only renewing or replacing existing infrastructure. At this time, there are no plans for upgrading in Westmount.

League: We have a community garden; we would like to see better lighting and water directed to the garden. Is that possible?

City: Please connect with your CRC with this request.



League: For the next meeting, could you bring an overhead map of the neighbourhood so we can look at specific issues and show you the specific locations?

City: We can provide your group with a map if you want to go away to talk about issues or activity points. For meeting two with the public, we will have several overhead and technical maps that clearly outline the preliminary designs for the neighbourhood.

League: Do you engage the school and the parents' advisory council?

City: Not directly, but we encourage the Community League to contact the school and its representatives and see if they have any suggestions.

League: The school does not have a crosswalk in front of it, so people end up jaywalking to get across the road. It creates a very unsafe situation, particularly with the speeders on the road.

City: This is the type of feedback we are looking for. Thank you.

League: The next community league meeting is not until September. What is our timeline to provide feedback?

City: To complete preliminary designs for the preliminary design meeting in winter 2014, we would need to see something by October.

League: We will work on the list of questions you have posed to the group at our meeting in September and have something to submit to you by October 15.

City: Thank-you, suggestions can be emailed to BuildingGreatNeighbourhoods@edmonton.ca.

NEXT STEPS

The City of Edmonton will host a neighbourhood-wide meeting where all residents and property owners are invited to review preliminary designs that show

neighbourhood improvements and information on Complete Streets.

The presentation shown to the Community League is available online.

Please visit:

www.edmonton.ca/BuildingGreatNeighbourhoods

www.edmonton.ca/CompleteStreets