

# WHAT WE HEARD

## Patricia Heights Corner Store Pilot Project Public Realm Enhancements

Edmonton

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### **PROJECT ADDRESS: 7654 156 street**



### **BACKGROUND**

In approximately 2019, the City will invest in public realm enhancements in your neighbourhood as part of the Patricia Heights Corner Store Pilot Project. The improvements are planned for the City property adjacent to the commercial site at 7654 156 street.

Community feedback is critical to ensure these improvements meet the needs of local residents, so in December 2017, the project team conducted a survey and held an open conversation to gather feedback on what improvements were a priority for the community.

*This document contains a summary of what we heard as it related to the opportunities and priorities for public realm enhancements; not improvements to the building or private property.*

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#### **Survey**

A total of 1995 letters were sent to residences in the communities of Quesnell, Rio Terrace, Patricia Heights and a small section of Lynwood. The survey contained a brief description of the program as well as a link to the survey. The City received 91 responses with a summary of the priorities listed below.

The seven main priorities for streetscape upgrades are listed in order of importance.

1. Landscaping: 62% important, 29% somewhat important
2. Bike racks: 57% important, 31% somewhat important
  - a. Note that these will be installed by the property owner closer to the building
3. Gathering space: 36% important, 41% somewhat important
  - a. Park benches: 28% important, 53% somewhat important (added to gathering space)
4. Pedestrian lighting: 44% important, 23% somewhat important
5. Lights for trees: 36% important, 39% somewhat important
6. Audible crosswalk: discussed in conversation cafe
7. Bus shelter: discussed in conversation cafe
8. Dirt path fixed: discussed in conversation cafe

### **Coffee Conversation**

On December 13th, 2017, we offered open invitation for residents to have a discussion about the opportunities and priorities for infrastructure improvements to the commercial site. This discussion had 22 community residents in attendance. A summary of the common themes is below:

- Everyone agreed that the area could benefit from landscaping
- It was discussed that the spray park will be opening soon and it would be good to upgrade the crosswalk to an audible crosswalk and tie new streetscape to existing streetscape
- Upgrading the pedestrian pathway from the crosswalk into the parking lot by the Mac's store from a dirt path to a nice concrete path
- Upgrade the bus shelter to a covered shelter
- Decorate the Telus utility box on the NE corner
- Add more lighting to the area. Trees, pedestrian lighting
- Close one or two of the entrances to the parking lot

The results from this survey and coffee conversation along with feedback from the property owners, business owners and City administration will inform the concept design for streetscape upgrades with future surveys and an open house offering additional opportunity for the community to provide input will be held sometime in the near future.

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