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PRINCIPLE: **housing condition**

With about 80% of the housing stock at least 35 years old, the aging of homes in the neighbourhood is becoming a concern. This can lead to increased maintenance and repair costs and ultimately affordability challenges for many households.

- 1.** Update the requirements for Housing Opportunities Program for Edmonton (HOPE) and Curb Appeal grant programs to make them accessible to more households.
- 2.** Create a new 'rental housing improvement program', similar to the HOPE program, to provide financial assistance to private landlords, private non-profit landlords or co-operative housing providers to repair or rehabilitate their property.
- 3.** Create incentives to focus infill development on vacant and decaying lots.
- 4.** Improve property standards and local by-laws emphasizing maintenance of rental properties.

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PRINCIPLE: **housing choice**

While there is some diversity in housing types within Eastwood, some residents are interested in further diversifying the housing stock and encouraging various forms of housing.

1. Consider potential of providing incentives to target infill development on affordable homeownership housing options.
2. Investigate the opportunity for a co-operative housing pilot project perhaps targeting students and/or seniors.
3. Review the current Secondary Suite grant program to identify opportunities to encourage more applicants.



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PRINCIPLE: **housing stability**

With almost one-quarter of households living in low-income, there are many households that are facing affordability challenges in Eastwood and some who may be at risk of losing their home.

1. Promote existing resources on landlords and tenants rights and responsibilities.
2. Work with the Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board (LTAB) to provide training and resources to first-time home buyers.
3. Consider a housing stability program to provide assistance to residents at risk of losing their housing (assistance may include up to two-months' rent and/or gas and hydro costs).

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PRINCIPLE: **housing connections**

In order to facilitate opportunities for residents and stakeholders to be engaged in neighbourhood housing, and encourage new partnerships in housing, the following actions are recommended.

1. Develop a neighbourhood marketing plan to build community connections and inspire new residents and potential employers.
2. Promote and create greater awareness of City housing programs and resources.
3. Partner with Habitat for Humanity (or other partner) to develop affordable homeownership project.
4. Monitor the housing mix and condition in Eastwood by updating the Housing Snapshot as new data becomes available.