Beaumaris Lake Stormwater Facility
Open Space Rehabilitation Project

WHAT WE HEARD
FUNCTIONAL PLAN PHASE
Beaumaris Lake is Edmonton’s oldest (and largest) stormwater lake—and one of the very few that also serves as a community recreation destination.

The facility is more than 40 years old, and needs a rehabilitation program to address several safety and aesthetic issues.

The City of Edmonton has been driving a large-scale community engagement program since early 2017 to gather input from users and residents. This input will be used in the creation of a broadly accepted, long-term vision for the landscape and community open spaces around the lake.

To make sure that the vision captures a multitude of voices, the first phase of engagement—focused on the vision and the design principles for the functional plan—was designed to include a variety of opportunities for interested stakeholders to participate.

**Engagement Tools used in Functional Plan Phase**

- A community engagement committee, consisting of area residents and representatives from several area agencies
- Several “graffiti boards” posted at the lake to receive input from the users directly
- A targeted mailout to the residents and businesses in the study area
- An online survey to gather feedback on areas of interest and concern about the open spaces and amenities at the lake
- A series of in-person engagement events at the lake and other local gathering places
The project team interacted with hundreds of users at the engagement events at the lake and through the posted graffiti boards, and heard many perspectives on the challenges and opportunities that are present. Nearly 250 people from across the city and around the Capital Region also participated through the in-depth online survey. The results from all forms of engagement were aggregated to create a set of common project themes.

**What We Heard**

- **Preserve and enhance the existing natural setting**
- **Add interpretive signage to enhance the experience at the lake**
- **Desire for drinking fountains and washroom facilities**
- **Increase the number of sitting/resting areas available**
- **Improved safety and security**

*Feedback is from online survey only (241 responses)*
Quick Facts about Beaumaris Lake

- Part of Northwest Edmonton Drainage Network
- Entered service in 1977
- Drains area from 97 Street to 142 Street and 153 Avenue to Anthony Henday Drive
- Average (“usual”) size of Beaumaris Lake = 13.8ha/34 ac
- Length of trail around lake = 2.5 km/1.55 miles

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