



# BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

## LANDSDOWNE NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2014

### ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Maury Richards, *President*

Barbara Ausman

Don Ausman

Christine Finlayson

Shannon Foster

Susan Gynane

Dale Hayduk

Ken Lewis

David Menard

Bernard Schwartz

### ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Steve Aguiar, Transportation Operations

Cathy Dytiuk, Great Neighbourhoods

Janice Scott, Drainage Services

Tony Sestito, Neighbourhood Renewal

Anna Vesala, Community Recreation Coordinator

The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Lansdowne 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 2016. The City presentation included:

- An outline of the Building Great Neighbourhoods process and timing.
- 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 Lauderdale.
- 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:** Does the City proceed with installing standard lights if you haven't heard from residents about upgrading to decorative street lights by the July 2, 2015 deadline?

**City:** Yes. Absent an Expression of Interest request by July 2, 2015, the City will install new standard street lights as part of reconstruction at no cost.

**League:** Can we pay for local improvements over a period of time on our taxes?

**City:** Yes. There is an option to amortize local improvements over a period of 20 years for sidewalks and 15 years for decorative streetlights. For more information go to [edmonton.ca/localimprovements](http://edmonton.ca/localimprovements)

**League:** We have no access to the river valley from the neighbourhood and would be interested in having stairs put in. We've tried in the past to get them put in but with no luck.

**City:** Transportation Services and Community Services recently worked together to identify priority stair locations, including in Lansdowne. As of yet there is no funding available to complete the project. Community Services has put forward a budget request for the 2015-18 budget cycle to renew or rehabilitate existing River Valley trails and parks.

**City:** Does the community league have or know of any neighbourhood projects or initiatives scheduled for the same time as Neighbourhood Renewal?

**League:** Our community league hall is being remodeled. Currently there is no pathway to the door. Could a path and some lighting be addressed through the Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program? Are security elements included in this program?

**City:** The community league is responsible for improvements within its licensed area. Security elements are not included in the Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program. Please work with your community



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recreation coordinator for any improvements within your licensed area.

**League:** We have a green belt with alleys on each side for a pipeline. This area is very dark. Could lighting be added there?

**City:** We will assess this suggestion.

**League:** Would speed bumps be a possibility? In Calgary I lived in an area with drug dealers—a problem that Lansdowne also faces—and speed bumps eliminated this problem. Could we try it along Lansdowne Drive?

**City:** Speed bumps/humps are no longer employed on public roads due to their negative effects such as excessive noise, vibration, etc.

Concerns about crime in your area should be addressed by the Edmonton Police Service. There is a community liaison constable and sergeant with whom you may discuss neighbourhood crime solutions. You can find out more at [www.edmontonpolice.ca](http://www.edmontonpolice.ca) (go to Southwest Division - Division C3) or email them at [southwestcommunityc3@edmontonpolice.ca](mailto:southwestcommunityc3@edmontonpolice.ca)

**League:** Potentially a bike path through the parks/soccer fields to improve access (48 Avenue/122A Street)?

**City:** We will assess this suggestion.

**League:** Are alleys part of this program?

**City:** No, the City does not have an alley renewal program. Alley maintenance, which includes pothole and patch repairs, is done to preserve existing alleys. Property owners may petition for an alley local improvement using the local improvement process. Property owners cover 100% of the cost of alley renewal. More information is available at [www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements](http://www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements)

**League:** What condition are the sewers in? How many open cuts are required?

**City:** Most of the Drainage work currently ongoing in Lansdowne is being done through pipe relining. There are very few open cut locations required for renewal. There are also several manhole repairs that are required. The City will have a map of renewal locations at the Lansdowne open house in spring 2015 so residents can see how much work there is and where it is located.

**League:** Can the City provide some information on how other neighbourhoods have dealt with gathering residents and information for suggestions and/or local improvements like decorative streetlights?

**City:** Some neighbourhoods have invited residents to community league meetings or have had information and petitions available at community events. Others have gone door-to-door to poll the neighbourhood and gather signatures. It depends on the neighbourhood. The City does not participate in the decorative streetlight selection or signature gathering process.