

132 Avenue Collector Renewal

Cost-sharing opportunities

Edmonton

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS DURING COLLECTOR RENEWAL

The 132 Avenue Renewal Project is paid for through a City-wide property tax reserve fund dedicated to the Neighbourhood/Collector Renewal program. In conjunction with the program, the City offers cost-sharing opportunities between the City and property owners through **Local Improvements**. For 132 Avenue, there is an opportunity for **decorative street light upgrades**.

WHAT IS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT?

A **Local Improvement** is a construction project undertaken near or adjacent to residents' properties which is considered more beneficial to the property owner and local area than to the City as a whole. All property owners have the right to petition against any Local Improvement. The petition process is guided by the provincial Municipal Government Act as well as City policies and procedures.

DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

Standard street lights will be replaced and paid for as part of the 132 Avenue Renewal Project. However, property owners in an area undergoing renewal have the opportunity to upgrade to decorative street lights through a community-initiated Local Improvement process. Property owners pay the **difference** of cost to upgrade from standard to decorative street lights.

Volunteers in your community take the lead to determine the level of community interest in upgrading to decorative street lighting, and to begin the Local Improvement process. Your Project Manager can help guide you through the steps required to pursue this option.

STEP 1

Representatives of the 132 Avenue project area must submit their choice of one (1) decorative lighting option (colour, pole, arm, and luminaire; see photos on side 2) to the City for consideration by **May 1, 2022**.

In **July/August 2022**, the City will send an Expression of Interest (EOI) package containing estimated costs, asking registered property owners to indicate whether or not they support the Local Improvement and to return the EOI to the City by **September 1, 2022**. The Expression of Interest package includes a form with a "yes" or "no" indication for responses.

To demonstrate community support for the decorative option, a sample size of at least 20% of property owners along 132 Avenue must return their completed form to the City by the deadline. If 50% +1 of the received responses are in support ("yes"), the decorative street light Local Improvement process will proceed. If 50% +1 of the received responses are not in support ("no"), the decorative street light Local Improvement process will not proceed.

If less than 20% of property owners submit an Expression of Interest form to the City by the deadline, it will be at the discretion of the City to initiate the decorative street lighting Local Improvement process or not, based on previous public engagement feedback.



STEP 2

In **January/February 2023**, the City sends out Local Improvement Tax Notices to property owners, who then have **30 days** to petition *against* the Local Improvement if they so choose. If the petition against the Local Improvement gathers signatures of at least 50% +1 of all registered property owners in the neighbourhood, the Local Improvement is defeated and standard galvanized street lights will be installed. If the petition against the Local Improvement is unsuccessful, City Council will pass a Local Improvement Bylaw, and the decorative street light upgrade will proceed.

Property owners pay the **difference** to upgrade from standard to decorative street lights. The cost of decorative street lights depends on the lighting options selected, the borrowing finance rate, the number of street lights, and the number of property owners sharing the expense. The exact cost for the Local Improvement will be included on your tax notice the year following the decorative street light installation.

DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING OPTIONS:

Pole



Powder coated galvanized

Shape



Octagonal



Fluted

Decorative Arm



Newport



Scroll



Heritage

Luminaire



Regular



Renaissance

Colour



Dark Green

Blue

Black

DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING ESTIMATED COSTS

	Colour	Shape		Luminaire Type
	Black	Octagonal	Fluted	Renaissance
One Time Cash Payment Per Meter of Frontage	\$5 – \$10	\$10 – \$15	\$15 – \$20	\$15 – \$20
Yearly Rate Per Meter of Frontage for 15 Years	\$0.40 – \$0.85	\$0.85 – \$1.25	\$1.25 – \$1.70	\$1.25 – \$1.70
One Time Cash Payment for Typical Lot (50ft)	\$75 – \$150	\$150 – \$225	\$225 – \$300	\$225 – \$300
Yearly Rate for 15 Years for Typical Lot	\$7 – \$13	\$13 – \$20	\$19 – \$26	\$19 – \$26