

Neighbourhood
Revitalization

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What We Decided
Balwin & Belvedere
Revitalization
Capital Investment

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Project Overview

Resources to support the capital, or physical infrastructure, development in Balwin and Belvedere falls under the Neighbourhood Revitalization Capital Investment Plan. Capital investments may include replacing old for new infrastructure to meet the vision of the Revitalization. Investments in physical infrastructure enhance public spaces such as roadways, alleys, open spaces, and parks to increase social connection, beautification, economic vibrancy, and safety. Some examples are enhanced lighting, benches, public art, wayfinding features and park redevelopment.

Neighbourhood Revitalization Capital Investment follows the City of Edmonton's Project Develop and Delivery Model (PDDM). As projects go through the strategy, concept, design, build, operation and delivery phases, the PDDM establishes set checkpoints. It is intended to ensure that all City projects have completed necessary checkpoints before being considered for the delivery phase.

What We Heard in 2020

[What We Heard Report](#)

What You Recommended to us in 2021

[Community Capital Investment Priorities Summary](#) [Community Capital Investment Priorities Report](#)

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What We Did

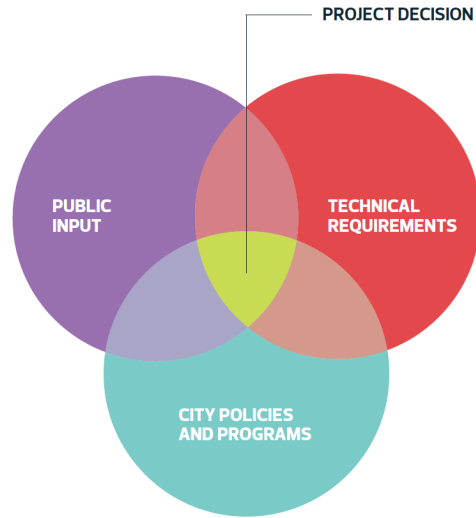
The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public engagement input and technical requirements. City policy and programs, including funding and technical requirements, help to ensure that the City's decisions get the best outcomes for our city, are fiscally responsible, align with best practices, and consider the existing public and private infrastructure, land uses and activities in the neighbourhood.



The City policies and programs, technical requirements and public engagement input include:

City Policies and Programs

- + [Edmonton City Plan](#)
- + [Public Engagement Policy](#)
- + [Breathe – Green Network Strategy](#)
- + [Open Space Policy](#)
- + [Winter City Strategy](#)
- + [Access Design Guide](#)
- + Land Use Agreements
- + Capital Funding Policies
- + and more



The Neighbourhood Revitalization Program follows the guiding principle of connectedness and works in partnership with citizens to strengthen and enhance their neighbourhoods. The program includes operating and capital investments.



Public Engagement Input

- + Advise on project ideation for capital investment
- + Create on the development of criteria to prioritize potential capital investment projects
- + Refine on the of criteria and project selection

Technical Requirements

- + Infrastructure Assessments
- + Universal Design
- + Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- + Urban Design Framework



Recommended Projects	What is moving forward
<p><u>(A) Robert Brett Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved park lighting, renewal of existing amenities, and improved opportunities to play and gather for local residents of all ages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New pathways and lighting Upgrade of the existing park Redevelopment of the existing playground (include accessible features) Upgrade of the basketball courts with consideration for multi-use courts Amenities for youth and adults, especially seniors (e.g. fitness equipment, chess, etc.) New seating and gathering spaces (e.g. benches & tables) Waste receptacles Upgrade to the park sign to include address
<p><u>(B) Belvedere Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved park lighting, renewal of existing amenities, and future social and recreation opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New lighting to interior pathways and along the south edge of the park Upgrade of the existing park lighting Improvements to sightlines on the south area of the park through tree pruning/removal Upgrades to the basketball courts New seating and picnic tables Upgrades to existing pathways Upgrades to the park sign to include address
<p><u>(C) Balwin Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved park lighting, renewal of existing amenities, and future social and recreation opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade to existing park lighting and add new lighting Improvements to sightlines around playground through tree pruning / removals Upgrades to the existing playground New entrance to the playground at the southeast corner New seating, tables and waste receptacles Upgrades to the park sign to include address

The role of public engagement input is to help the City consider what is important to people with an interest in Balwin and Belvedere.



<p><u>(D) Zoie Gardner Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved park lighting, increased pedestrian connections Traffic calming measures around the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New pathways and lighting New pathway connections to existing park amenities from north and south New sidewalks on all sides of the park New barrier on the south side of the park to block the sledding hill from the street Additional basketball court (consider multi-use courts) New mural to existing amenity building Upgrade to the park sign to include address 127 Avenue: 66 Street to 82 Street Explore opportunities for temporary traffic calming, permanent landscaping (trees, shrubs, planters etc.), crosswalks and pedestrian lighting 128 Avenue: 66 Street to 81 Street Explore opportunities for temporary traffic calming, permanent landscaping (trees, shrubs, planters etc.), crosswalks and pedestrian lighting.
<p><u>(E) Braids Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved park lighting and renewal of some basic amenities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New lighting along sidewalks and interior pathways New seating and tables New waste receptacles Upgrade to the park sign to include address
<p><u>(F) Fort Road & 66 Street</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved pedestrian crossing and welcoming entry to the neighbourhoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of a new pedestrian crosswalk on the west side of Fort Road and 66 Street in collaboration with the Fort Road Widening Project. Design an entry feature at the Fort Road/66 Street intersection.
<p><u>(G) 66 Street (128-130 Ave)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, and street beautification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities for temporary traffic calming, permanent landscaping (trees, shrubs, planters etc.), crosswalks and pedestrian lighting.

The survey and the workbook collected information about residents' thoughts about physical improvements to public spaces within the neighbourhoods.



Neighbourhood Wide Improvements	What is moving forward
<p><u>Neighbourhood Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacements and additional lighting of public spaces, streets, and alleys to ensure spaces are safe at night. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood wide improvements cannot be undertaken at this time. Lighting, pedestrian improvements, street beautification and back alley improvements will be incorporated into the above mentioned projects as is possible.
<p><u>Pedestrian Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement, repair, and creation of new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings as well as traffic calming throughout neighbourhoods to make them more safe and accessible for those walking and wheeling. 	
<p><u>Street Beautification</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aesthetic improvements to streets and infrastructure, such as new street trees and planters, banners, community murals, or art on electrical boxes. 	
<p><u>Back Alley Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving, lighting, and art to make alleys more functional, safe, and attractive. 	

Public Engagement Approach

Residents, businesses, non profit, and other stakeholders of the Balwin and Belvedere neighbourhoods participated in a survey (June 2020) and workbook (October 2020) and contributed specific ideas for capital investment. Residents were encouraged to think about physical improvements as they relate to the vision and goals of the Balwin and Belvedere Revitalization Strategy as well as to specific locations within the neighbourhood that were shared in 2019. The survey was mailed to each address in the neighbourhood with a stamped addressed return envelope. The workbook was distributed online and made available in print.

In early 2020 a community capital project team was also convened as an integral part of the Revitalization program's process for capital investment. The task of this team was to put forward project recommendations for capital investment on behalf of the Revitalization area. This team, made up of

residents and a non profit representative, worked to develop and implement tools to gather feedback from the neighbourhoods. In 2021 the community capital investment project team along with the City of Edmonton engaged with a stakeholder group from Balwin and Belvedere to bring additional perspectives to the conversation and help inform decision making for capital project recommendations. The Community Capital Investment Project Team supported by the City of Edmonton hosted a workshop with a group of local stakeholders who represented residents on Revitalization project teams, local community organizations and committees, including the Balwin Community League, Belvedere Community Leagues, local schools, and non-profit organizations.

What Happens Next?

As projects go through the strategy, concept, design, build, and operation phases, the Project Development and Delivery Model (PDDM) establishes set checkpoints. It is intended to ensure that all City projects have completed necessary checkpoints before being considered for the design and build phases. The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public engagement input, technical requirements and available City funding. This process helps to ensure that the decisions we make are fiscally responsible, align with best practices, consider the existing public and private infrastructure, land uses and activities in the neighbourhood and result in the best outcomes for our city.



Currently all projects are in the planning and design phase. In Fall 2022 Neighbourhood Revitalization will return to City Council with an unfunded capital profile to request additional funding for the build and operation phases of the projects. There will be additional public engagement conducted in 2022 where the public will be invited to share their feedback on the early concepts for the park redevelopments. For transportation improvements there may be additional public engagement starting in 2022 to determine the specifics of improvements to be implemented.