What We Heard Report Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs March 31 – April 18, 2021

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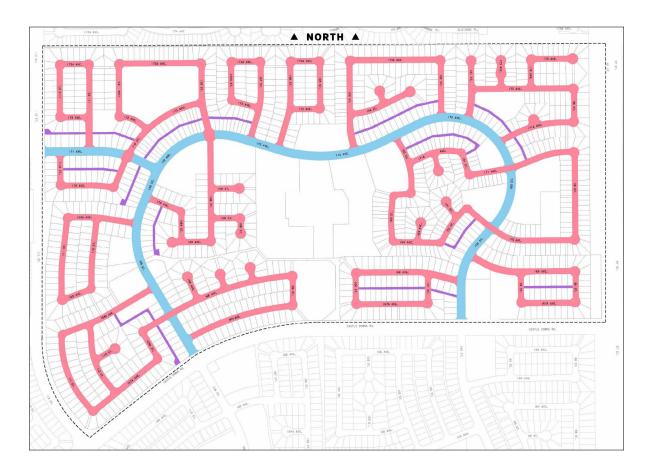
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## Background

Neighbourhood Renewal in Baturyn will begin in spring 2023. Through the City of Edmonton's (the City) Neighbourhood Renewal program, we will rehabilitate roads, replace street lights, repair sidewalks and connect missing sidewalk links where possible. Alley Renewal will also be included as part of this project and involves alley reconstruction and repaving, improvements to surface drainage where possible and upgrading of existing lighting to LED fixtures.

Cost-sharing opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative streetlight upgrades in the neighbourhood. Other opportunities to improve City-owned parks and public spaces will also be explored.

#### Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal Project Scope Map



# Where we are in the decision-making process

The Neighbourhood Renewal program follows the roadmap below, and this report focuses on public input heard during the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage. At each step, the project team shares information with you about how your input has and will inform decisions.



#### **Public Engagement Spectrum**

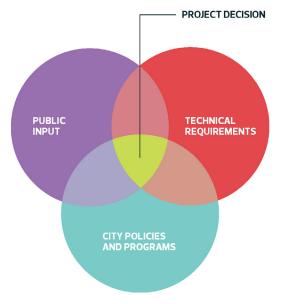
The City seeks input from citizens to help guide the project. The City's public engagement spectrum below, shows the four distinct levels of influence that the public can have on decisions made by the City throughout the project.

During the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** phase, the public was invited to provide input that would help:

#### + REFINE the project team's proposed options for Baturyn

We commit to informing you how public input at each stage influences decisions according to the public engagement spectrum.





#### How decisions are made

The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public input, technical requirements and available 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.

City policies and programs such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards, Safe Mobility Strategy and Winter City Strategy provide the overall direction for Neighbourhood Renewal designs. As each neighbourhood is unique, the project team asks for input from residents who live, work and play in the neighbourhood and considers technical aspects such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will fit in the neighbourhood.

## What we did and what we asked

From March 31 – April 18, 2021, we hosted online engagement opportunities for Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal. These online engagement opportunities included the full design package, two videos, a number of online engagement tools on Engaged Edmonton, an online survey and two virtual webinars.



 We asked residents to visit the project webpage to learn more about Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal and invited them to the Engaged Edmonton platform to provide feedback on the Options and Tradeoffs. Participants were able to map locations where they observe speeding, shortcutting and other safety issues in the neighbourhood, vote on polls, share their thoughts and provide feedback on the proposed options for Baturyn

579 visits to edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn 312 visits to Engaged Edmonton 49 engaged participants<sup>1</sup> on Engaged Edmonton 413 design package views 146 video views

#### **Virtual Workshops**

- + As part of online engagement, we hosted two virtual webinars to share information on the proposed design options and to confirm the draft Vision and Guiding Principles with the public. Residents voted in a series of polls about the proposed options for the neighbourhood, and asked clarifying questions and provided feedback in the chat. Questions were answered both live and in the chat by the project team.
- + The first webinar occurred on Wednesday April 14, 2021, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. and the second webinar occurred on Saturday April 17, 2021, from 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

#### 33 participants, 316 total comments

<sup>1</sup> Engaged participants are visitors that provide feedback on at least one engagement tool.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** While in-person public events are postponed and physical distancing is a priority, we remain committed to delivering project information and meaningful public engagement opportunities efficiently and safely.

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#### **Online Survey**

- An online survey was available to the public from March 31 April 18, 2021, asking participants to confirm the draft Vision and Guiding Principles. We also asked for input on proposed options for Baturyn.
- + Paper copies of the survey were available to community members upon request.

#### 27 participants

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#### **Community conversations**

+ Ten residents and/or stakeholder groups contacted the project manager directly by phone or email to learn more about the project and share their perspectives on the design options.

#### How we communicated

- + 3 Road signs
- + 15 Yard signs
- + Castle News Ad
- + 2058 Door hangers
- + 4 A-frame signs
- + 1200 Handbills to businesses and schools
- + 20 Posters
- + 94 Emails to list subscribers and local stakeholders
- + 2 Speakboards located at Baturyn and Harry Farmer parks



Speakboard





## What we heard

#### **Confirmation of Vision and Guiding Principles**

In the previous phase of engagement, we worked with the community to **CREATE** a neighbourhood Vision statement and a set of Guiding Principles. This Vision will be used to guide decision making for neighbourhood renewal. The Guiding Principles are ideas that inform how the Vision should be applied to the neighbourhood design.

During the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** phase of engagement, we presented the Vision and Guiding Principles to the community through Engaged Edmonton, an online survey and during the virtual webinars. When asked, participants confirmed that the Vision and Guiding Principles accurately reflected the current and future needs of the community.



#### Vision

Baturyn is a generationally and culturally diverse community that offers a safe, friendly and walkable experience for families and visitors. There are lots of opportunities to experience green spaces and recreational activities.

We take pride in our connections within our neighbourhood and with the nearby communities and we value friendly gatherings with our neighbours.

We enjoy experiencing the serene and peaceful surroundings that Baturyn has to offer. Baturyn is continuously looking to grow the connections between its diverse residents and neighbours.

#### **Guiding Principles**



Baturyn has an abundance of amenities such as benches, bike racks and a playground that help to create spaces that are attractive and comfortable.



Baturyn has good connections and wide pathways which provide safe and accessible mobility for people of all ages and abilities.



Baturyn has safe, well-lit spaces and streets for all residents and visitors.



Baturyn is a great place to walk and bike.



Baturyn has spaces to meet and connect with neighbours in all seasons.



Baturyn has many family and kid-friendly spaces and amenities for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.



## **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs**

The following is a summary of what we heard during the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** phase. All feedback collected will be considered in the development of the Draft Design. The Draft Design will be shared for community feedback in November 2021. All designs are subject to final approvals and funding.

#### 1.0 Movement: Walking, Biking, Rolling, Driving and Measures **Used to Slow Traffic**

#### 1.1 Breezeway<sup>2</sup> and pathway upgrades

Changes were proposed to increase connectivity for people of all ages and abilities.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Adding new sidewalks</li> <li>Widening some sidewalks</li> <li>Upgrading breezeways to shared pathways where possible</li> <li>Adding lighting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Residents supported the additional lighting and how it can increase the feeling of safety of the area</li> <li>These upgrades were generally liked by residents, but some were concerned about additional snow clearing and maintenance responsibilities for adjacent property owners</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Including enhancements that are important to residents including lighting and wider pathways</li> <li>Considering the ongoing maintenance of lighting</li> <li>Ensuring pathways will be will be properly identified and maintained as outlined in City of Edmonton Snow and Ice Policy</li> <li>Informing adjacent property owners that they are not responsible to clear snow on breezeway pathways</li> </ul>

#### 1.2 Widen sidewalks

Changes were proposed to enhance the experience and comfort of walking for people of all ages and abilities.

Proposed option	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
+ Widen existing sidewalks	<ul> <li>Many residents walk on the sidewalks in Baturyn so more space would be appreciated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Widening of sidewalks to support accessibility and connectivity for people who walk</li> </ul>
<sup>2</sup> A breezeway is a public pathway between two private properties. Wider breezeways and pathways make it easier for people		"If folks with mobility issues need the extra room, let's make sure they baye it "

who walk and bike to move around the neighbourhood. They enhance accessibility and connectivity within the neighbourhood.

#### 1.3 Crosswalk upgrades

Changes were proposed to increase the feeling of safety for those who walk.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>+ Curb extensions</li> <li>+ Raised crosswalks</li> <li>+ Raised medians</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There was a mix of feedback for each option proposed, but generally, residents appreciate making the neighbourhood feel safer for those who walk</li> <li>Most people were comfortable with curb extensions and raised crosswalks, but were concerned about visibility of these in the winter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Including crosswalk upgrades to enhance accessibility and connectivity for people who walk</li> <li>Including enhancements where needed the most based on high movement areas to increase the visibility of people walking to people who drive</li> <li>Providing signage and other features to ensure enhancements are visible in all seasons (particularly winter)</li> <li>Providing physical changes to the roadway to reinforce the reduced speed limit on neighbourhood roads</li> </ul>

#### 1.4 School drop-off upgrades

Changes were proposed to increase the comfort and feeling of safety for those travelling to and around both schools.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Widen sidewalks</li> <li>Add concrete school bus drop-off pads</li> <li>Enhance surfaces to increase visibility of people who drive when people walking are using the crossings</li> <li>Add new street trees</li> <li>The proposed bike routes options (section 1.6) show a potential route in front of the schools</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Residents appreciated and feel that the changes increase safety for students around the schools</li> <li>Residents suggested that increasing the school drop-off zone could alleviate traffic congestion</li> <li>School representatives identified potential locations for new concrete bus drop-off pads</li> <li>School representatives indicated that maintenance and sightlines should b considered when planting new trees</li> </ul>	support accessibility and connectivity for people who walk + Including crosswalk upgrades and concrete school bus drop-off pads to enhance visibility of students and accessibility at e
<ul> <li>The potential crosswalk upgrades (section 1.3) show proposed locations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The improved bike connectivity and enhanced sidewalk crossings were appreciated by school representatives</li> </ul>	
near the schools.	<ul> <li>Maintaining parking along</li> <li>172 Avenue is important for the schools</li> </ul>	<i>"For the safety of the student.</i> <i>I totally agree with it."</i>

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#### 1.5 Pedestrian-friendly alleys

Changes were proposed to enhance connectivity and ease of transport for those who walk, bike and roll.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Adding sidewalks or shared roadway surfaces for people who walk, bike and drive</li> <li>Location 1: One alley north of 171 Avenue on the west side of Baturyn</li> <li>Location 2: One alley in the southeast area of Baturyn connecting 169 Avenue</li> <li>For maps of the locations, please refer to page 7 of the Movement Design Package at edmonton.ca/</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Residents enjoy being active in Baturyn and those that currently use these alleys as connections to walk and bike liked these enhancements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Considering the potential impacts of snow clearing impacts of snow clearing and garbage collection</li> <li>Considering the safety of those who walk and bike in the alley by improving visibility</li> <li>Reviewing all existing and proposed connection options in the area and selecting design enhancements best suited to each location and people who walk, bike and drive</li> </ul>
BuildingBaturyn		'There are lots of walkers in the neighbourhood; I think this would be appreciated."

#### 1.6 Bike routes and facilities

Changes were proposed to increase safety and enhance connectivity for those who bike.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Shared pathways</li> <li>Shared-road with traffic calming</li> <li>One-way raised bike lanes</li> <li>One-way bike lanes separated from vehicle traffic</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Residents appreciated that bike facilities would make Baturyn safer for those who bike, especially children and youth</li> <li>Residents indicated that they are most comfortable with the shared pathways for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Including bike route upgrades to enhance connectivity and the feeling of safety for all ages of people who bike</li> <li>Designing enhanced bike routes appropriate for the road type and interactions with other users for each location.</li> </ul>
		'If people are biking within the neighbourhood, those routes will be t

ones they are using anyway. So, making

it "formal" makes sense."

#### 1.7 Wayfinding signage

Options were proposed to enhance connectivity to surrounding neighbourhoods.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Add wayfinding signs at key pathways in the neighbourhood to provide directions to these possible destinations: <ul> <li>Baturyn Park</li> <li>Castle Downs Road shared pathway</li> <li>167 Avenue shared pathway</li> <li>97 Street shared pathway</li> <li>Lorelei Park</li> <li>Beaumaris Lake</li> <li>Elsinore Chambery Park</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Residents like that this signage would provide better understanding of the connections available in the neighbourhood</li> <li>Residents thought that wayfinding signage would help people to be more aware of the amenities available in and outside of the neighbourhood</li> </ul>	<text></text>



#### 2.0 Parks and Placemaking

#### 2.1 Baturyn Park

Changes were proposed to improve usability and connectivity of the park for people of all ages and abilities.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Wider and new pathways</li> <li>New planting beds, fruit bearing trees and shrubs</li> <li>A realigned pathway behind Baturyn Elementary School</li> <li>Additional amenities such as lighting, waste bins and seating areas</li> <li>Basketball court renewal</li> <li>Opportunity for a covered picnic shelter to be pursued by the community</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Residents appreciate the additional amenities, especially lighting to increase the sense of safety and waste bins to reduce litter</li> <li>Residents were interested in additional plantings, fruit bearing trees and shrubs</li> <li>Residents and school representatives expressed concern with the potential maintenance needs of new planting beds and fruit bearing trees</li> <li>School representatives expressed concerns with new trees impacting sightlines into the playground</li> <li>Kid-friendly sidewalk imprints and games were generally supported by residents and school representatives, as long as</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Including amenities that are important to residents including lighting and waste bins</li> <li>Including additional plantings that may include fruit bearing trees and shrubs that will need minimal maintenance</li> <li>Including seating areas to create spaces for people to rest</li> <li>Including wider and new pathways to make it easier for people to walk and bike around the park</li> <li>Adding child-friendly features like sidewalk imprint and games that will be easy to maintain</li> </ul>
	they are maintained	

"I really love the idea of upgrading the park facilities. Graffiti, vandalism and garbage are ongoing problems in Baturyn. Some of these ideas could become huge maintenance issues. I say keep it simple. Lights, garbage cans, benches, picnic tables, enhanced shared-use pathways."





#### 2.2 Carrol and Henry Paszek Park

Changes were proposed to improve the usability and enjoyment of the park.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Wider pathways and a new diagonal pathway</li> <li>A realignment of 110A Street</li> <li>Kid-friendly sidewalk imprints and games</li> <li>Additional amenities such as lighting, benches, waste bins and a seating area</li> <li>Concrete pads for existing picnic tables</li> <li>New planting beds</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Overall, residents appreciated this park as is but were interested in seeing some enhancements</li> <li>Residents appreciate the additional amenities, especially lighting to increase the sense of safety and waste bins to reduce litter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adding new pathways and widening current pathways</li> <li>Including park enhancements that have minimal impacts on trees and open green spaces</li> <li>Installing new separate sidewalks in the park along 111 Street and 110A Street</li> <li>Adding planting beds and/or fruit bearing trees and shrubs where appropriate that will be low maintenance</li> </ul>



#### 2.3 Harry Farmer Park

Changes were proposed to enhance useability and connectivity of the park.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
+ New pathways	+ Most residents would like	+ Including fruit bearing trees and shrubs
<ul> <li>Additional amenities such as lighting, benches and waste bins</li> </ul>	to see a simple design for this park, including additional amenities and connecting pathways	<ul> <li>that will need minimal maintenance</li> <li>Maintaining open green spaces for unstructured play and use</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Opportunity for community-led public art</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Option 1 was well-liked for this area because of the simplicity of the design and the additional</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Addiing lighting, seating and pathways</li> <li>Providing space in the design for potenti community-led projects in the future</li> </ul>
Option 1: Community garden	amenities, but there were mixed feelings about the community-led garden	<ul> <li>Providing space for a potential community-led art project to recognize Harry Farmer</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Opportunity for a new community– led garden and fruit bearing plants</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Some residents are unsure if the community-led garden would be used and expressed concern that</li> </ul>	
Option 2: Off-leash dog park	it may not be adequately maintained	
<ul> <li>Designated space for off-leash dogs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Residents also expressed concern about the maintenance and clean up of fruit bearing trees and</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>An opportunity for a community-led</li> </ul>	shrubs	
fenced dog agility area	<ul> <li>Some residents expressed concern with the enhancement to an</li> </ul>	
Option 3: Bike	off-leash dog park. Many residents like the addition	
<ul> <li>bumps</li> <li>Opportunity for community-led bike bumps course</li> </ul>	of a dog park, but do not think that Harry Farmer Park would be the best location and suggested Baturyn Park as an alternative; possibly inside one of the ice rinks	
	<ul> <li>There was minimal support from residents for bike bumps that could provide a fun activity for children and youth</li> </ul>	

Based on the information gathered for Harry Farmer Park, the community identified the following amenities/ enhancements for the Park:

- + Additional and/or wider pathways
- + Additional areas for seating
- + Additional waste bins
- Lighting
- + Fruit trees and/or shrubs

### The project team will be doing further engagement in June to identify priorities for how the community would like to use this park in the future. Potential options for community-led amenities will be considered.

Below are some of the range of comments we heard about Harry Farmer Park from Baturyn residents across all engagement tactics:

"We live right across the road from Harry Farmer Park, and it is probably our FAVOURITE thing about where we live. In the summer we go there weekly, no, daily to play. The kids love to go there and play baseball, soccer, catch, frisbee, and just run around to burn off energy. We love to meet friends there, and have many memories in this wonderful green space. Although it would be sad to lose some of the playing space to a community garden or bike jump (the kids would vote for bike bumps), PLEASE do not take away this green space for the dogs. We have no problem sharing the park with pet owners, but if it becomes a dog park, we get left with nothing.

Let's keep Harry Famer Park FAMILY FRIENDLY, encouraging our neighbours to get out and play and exercise and enjoy the fresh air. It would be unfair to make the space usable only for those who have dogs." "I am highly supportive of the off-leash dog park. There are A LOT of dogs in Baturyn that have nowhere suitable and within reasonable walking distance to go off-leash. Our dogs are like our children – they should be able to enjoy our community too! Please let the kids have the main Baturyn park and give the dogs somewhere to play and socialize."

"Keep it simple. Open spaces encourage creative play. There is no need to fill up all the space."

"Harry Farmer desperately needs a walkway and lights to increase usage."

"For Harry Farmer Park we don't like the idea of the growing gardens, don't like the bike bumps as it will bring too many people in the park. Can use extra lighting and a few extra benches."

"Oooh! Community garden is nice!" "Harry Farmer Park is very underutilized. We walk past it often, it would be great to have additional lighting and a sidewalk through it."

#### 2.4 Seating areas

Changes were proposed to enhance the sense of community and create gathering spaces for the neighbourhood.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Adding or enhancing amenities such as benches, waste bins, bulletin boards, bike racks, lighting, planting areas, concrete pads and kid-friendly sidewalk games</li> <li>A detailed list of the proposed seating locations can be found starting at page 2 of the Placemaking Design Package at edmonton.ca/ BuildingBaturyn</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Most agreed that seating areas would be well-used and appreciated by people of all ages and abilities, particularly seniors</li> <li>Many residents are in favour of including additional lighting to improve visibility</li> <li>A number of residents believed that new seating areas would create welcoming spaces for people to sit, rest and meet with neighbours.</li> <li>Kid-friendly sidewalk imprints and games were generally supported by residents, as long as they are maintained</li> <li>Some residents indicated that seating areas near a busy roadway may not be used (e.g.,Location 7: Corner of 100 Street and 169 Avenue, behind Northwest</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Including amenities that are important to residents including lighting, benches and waste bins</li> <li>Including planting beds with plants that are low to the ground and low maintenance</li> <li>Locating seating areas in park settings and positioning them towards views of sports fields, considering winter city design and shading</li> <li>Adding child-friendly features like sidewalk imprints and games that will be easy to maintain</li> <li>Designing seating areas to avoid conflicts between people walking and biking</li> <li>Creating a community gathering space for people to rest and connect with their neighbours</li> <li>Including fruit bearing trees and shrubs where appropriate that will be low maintenance</li> </ul>

"I love the new seating areas. I like all of them. I think they would be well–used."



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#### 2.5 Future corner store program site

The Corner Store grant program is targeted to neighbourhood commercial properties or properties that meet the commercial needs of local residents. The commercial site at 109 Street and 168 Avenue is being considered for upgrades as part of the Corner Store Program.

Changes were proposed to enhance the sense of community within Baturyn and provide spaces for gathering.

<ul> <li>A new curb extension beginning at the patking rot be used and they would pathway crossing that extends the full length of the storefront to allow for additional public realm and increased safety at the crossing</li> <li>New trees, seating areas and picnic tables</li> <li>A new hard surface and raised platform in the green space behind the parking lot for events and gatherings</li> <li><b>Option 2:</b></li> <li>Curb extensions at the ETS bus stops and crossing locations</li> <li>Curb extensions at the ETS bus stops and crossing locations</li> <li>A new curb extension at the ETS bus stops and crossing locations</li> <li>A new curb extension at the draw and busines owners</li> <li>A diditional greenery is</li> </ul>	Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
the ETS bus stops and crossing locations + Additional greenery is appreciated by a number of residents and business	<ul> <li>pathway crossing that extends the full length of the storefront to allow for additional public realm and increased safety at the crossing</li> <li>New trees, seating areas and picnic tables</li> <li>A new hard surface and raised platform in the green space behind the parking lot for events and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>unsure about the raised platform as they felt it may not be used and they would prefer to keep the area as a park space</li> <li>Removing parking would be a loss to both residents and business owners</li> <li>Business owners</li> <li>Business owners expressed a desire to maintain existing trees along the road, and they also expressed that the trees in open spaces require maintenance to improve sightlines</li> <li>The addition of art would beautify the business area</li> <li>Business owners would</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Considering feedback provided by the business owners in the development of the draft design</li> <li>Including planting beds with plants that are low to the ground and low maintenance</li> <li>Understanding parking requirements and potential impacts of removing a small number of parking spaces</li> <li>Creating a community gathering space for people to rest and connect with their neighbours</li> <li>Adding child-friendly features like sidewalk imprint and games that will be easy to maintain</li> <li>Including fruit bearing trees and shrubs where appropriate that will be low</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>bed provides the ongoing maintenance of the planting beds</li> <li>the planting beds</li> <li>Kid-friendly sidewalk imprints and games were</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>the ETS bus stops and crossing locations</li> <li>Additional amenities such as seating areas, picnic tables and planting beds</li> <li>A new raised planter bed provides the opportunity for community-led public art</li> <li>Additional hard surfacing in front of the store to provide</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Additional greenery is appreciated by a number of residents and business owners</li> <li>Some residents are concerned about the ongoing maintenance of the planting beds</li> <li>Kid-friendly sidewalk imprints and games were generally supported by residents, as long as they</li> </ul>	

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to be as big. I'd rather have more greenery

than concrete."

#### 2.6 Community-led opportunities

#### What is a community-led project?

A community-led project is an opportunity for the community to collaborate and is carried out by a group of neighbourhood members. This group creates a vision for the project, a schedule and a budget. These projects can occur on or in public or private land and facilities. These projects can lead to programming or infrastructure. The City of Edmonton (the City) can support these projects by providing staff and resources. Neighbourhood Resource Coordinators (NRC) support communities on many projects such as park enhancements, murals and programming.

Community-led opportunities are fundraised and often maintained by residents or the community. The City has a number of grants to help contribute to community projects. Other organizations have grants available for community projects as well, such as the Government of Alberta and Edmonton Community Foundation. Other partnerships with businesses or associations can also fund community projects.

Maintenance of community-led infrastructure may be the responsibility of the community or be a shared responsibility with the City. The level of support provided by the City is project-specific and would be identified through the Community-Led Construction process.

Proposed options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
<ul> <li>Castle Downs sign</li> <li>Community-led upgrades to the sign</li> <li>Replace lighting</li> <li>Fence murals</li> <li>Community-led murals along the backs of fences of breezeways from Baturyn Park</li> <li>Utility box public art wraps</li> <li>Wrap existing utility boxes with community-led public art</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further exploring community- led opportunities was generally supported by residents</li> <li>Since the entrance signage would benefit many communities within Castle Downs, residents wanted to know if other neighbourhoods would help pursue this project</li> <li>Residents indicated that it would be important to work with nearby property owners to ensure they have input into the design and maintenance of the murals</li> <li>Residents liked the potential of adding art and colour into the neighbourhood to make it more visually appealing overall</li> <li>Residents appreciated that the art wraps required low maintenance, should they need to be replaced</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Working with the community to pursue any appropriate and well supported community-led enhancements</li> </ul>

Specific feedback was collected on the following community-led options:

#### What we heard during public engagement

Several ideas for community-led opportunities were proposed throughout the design package. Upgrading the Castle Downs sign, adding a picnic shelter and including enhanced plantings like fruit bearing trees and shrubs were the most popular options with the community. The following is a list of those opportunities found in the design package:

- + Adding a shelter or gazebo by the playground in Baturyn Park (section 2.1)
- + Enhanced landscaping and plantings such as a fruit forest (section 2.3)
- + Interpretive signage for parks or fruit forest (sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3)
- + A community garden in Harry Farmer Park (section 2.3)
- + A dog agility area in Harry Farmer Park (section 2.3)
- + Adding bike bumps in Harry Farmer Park (section 2.3)
- Public Art in Harry Farmer Park and/or the Corner Store area including fence murals and/or utility box wraps (sections 2.3, 2.5 and 2.6)
- + Community bulletin boards in seating areas (section 2.4)
- + Upgrading the Castle Downs entrance sign (section 2.6)
- Enhanced plantings, like edible trees and shrubs throughout the neighbourhood (sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6)

#### How to get started – it starts with community volunteers

Residents interested in pursuing the development of any of the options listed above, or others, should connect with their Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator. To get started or to learn more about community-led opportunities, call 311 to find your NRC or the Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal Project Manager. Together, we can set up a meeting with interested Baturyn residents to discuss potential ideas.

## **Next Steps**

The project team will return to the community to share a draft design of proposed renewal changes for your neighbourhood in November 2021. During the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** phase of engagement, we invite you to provide your feedback that we will consider to **REFINE** the draft design for Baturyn Renewal.

Information will also be provided during upcoming project stages about cost-sharing opportunities for decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction through the Local Improvement process.

For more information regarding the Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal, upcoming public engagement activities and to subscribe for project updates, please visit edmonton.ca/**BuildingBaturyn**.

## Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.

This is your city and your neighbourhood. We want to understand how you experience your neighbourhood and ask for your input on what we might do to make it better.

We will engage and work with you on the renewal of roads, alleys, sidewalks, street lights and park spaces. We will also promote other community opportunities to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used. Let's make the most out of your neighbourhood.

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