

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Calder Community Newsletter – April 2019

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Neighbourhood Renewal is coming to Calder!

The Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces Branch of the City of Edmonton is responsible for improving infrastructure in Edmonton's neighbourhoods. Starting in 2021, Calder will receive new road surfaces; new sidewalks, curbs and gutters; and new street lights as part of the City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood Renewal program. Renewal can also improve other areas of the neighbourhood including intersection safety, pedestrian and bike connections, and parks and public gathering places. Major roads and alleys are not included.

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS: OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

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 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.

In addition to our renewal work in the neighbourhood, the community has reached out to the City's Neighbourhood Services Section to garner support for a broader visioning exercise. Together, Building Great Neighbourhoods and Neighbourhood Services will support residents to create a vision for Calder that identifies the community's social, recreational, economic and infrastructure aspirations.

Commonly used words in Neighbourhood Renewal

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Road right-of-way defines City-owned property designated for traffic and pedestrians.

CONCEPT DESIGN

Plan for "what" will be built, including roadways and sidewalks, intersection design, traffic movements, and park ideas. Changes are incorporated into the design at this time.

VISION ZERO

A multi-national road traffic safety initiative that aims to achieve a transportation system with no fatalities or serious injuries involving road traffic.

SHORTCUTTING

When drivers leave major roads and use neighbourhood roads as alternate routes. This traffic does not have a destination within the neighbourhood.

COMMUNITY ASSETS

A community asset (or community resource) is anything that can be used to improve the quality of community life.

ASSET MAPPING

Identifying community strengths and resources and deciding how to build on them to address community needs, improve neighbourhood connections, and pursue projects that will enhance the community.



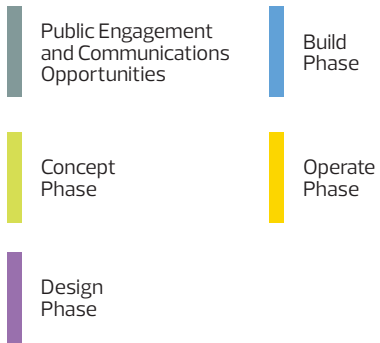
Public Engagement for Neighbourhood Renewal

The Building Great Neighbourhoods project team members are genuinely interested in the future of Calder. We want to learn and appreciate what you value and need in your neighbourhood. We seek to involve you in decision making to shape the vision for engagement and neighbourhood improvements. **Working together, we can make the most out of your neighbourhood.**

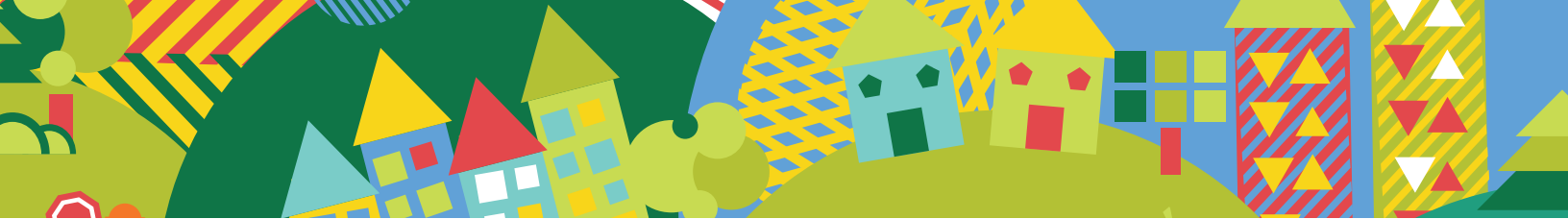
We have created a road map to share the steps of the renewal process and how you can participate. At each step, we will tell you what input we need and how it will be used to help the City make decisions. We commit to reporting back to you on how we used your input.

Road Map to Building Great Neighbourhoods

LEGEND



Take the visioning survey online at edmonton.ca/BuildingCalder or pick up and drop off a paper survey from Calder Library, Al Rashid Mosque, or Northwest Edmonton Seniors Society from May 1st – 21st.



What can we do with a Community Vision?

Once the community has created a vision for their future aspirations, residents can identify areas of interest they wish to pursue. Neighbourhood Services will support community-led projects that support social and recreational relationships. Building Great Neighbourhoods will work with residents to carry out the infrastructure projects.

Future engagement will occur with both community-led and Building Great Neighbourhood led projects.

Watch for information coming soon.

Now is the time to get involved!

Planning begins now for construction in 2021. Get involved early to share what is important to you and what changes you would like to see. This helps ensure the renewal outcome meets your needs and those of your neighbours. Start thinking about how you move, work, live and play in Calder and how you would like to in the future. New infrastructure will be in place for the next 30 to 50 years.

A series of engagement events and activities will give you the opportunity to provide input into designs and discuss details with the project team during the development of the design.

To receive reminders about upcoming engagement opportunities and to sign up for the electronic newsletter, go to edmonton.ca/BuildingCalder.

Volunteer for Neighbourhood Renewal

Join the Community Engagement Advisory Group (CEAG)

The CEAG will be a collaborative group formed to ensure transparency and open communication during the neighbourhood renewal project. The group is also responsible to advise on new ways of engaging and communicating with residents, business owners and other community stakeholders.

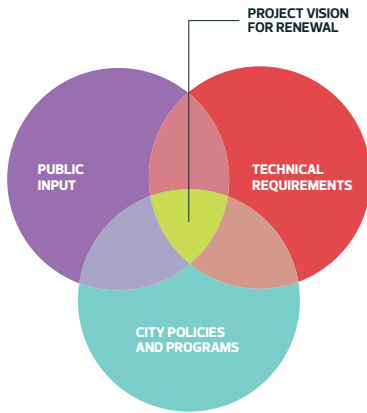
This committee is not involved with decision making or influencing the neighbourhood design; it is focused solely on public engagement and communication. The ad-hoc committee will begin by meeting once a month during evening hours, and the committee will determine future frequency of meetings. To become a member of the CEAG, please contact Brittany Baltimore at bbaltimore@contextresearch.ca or 780-801-5244.



Calder Cenotaph

How decisions are made

Project decisions are made by the City, considering technical requirements, City policies and programs, and public input. Technical requirements include existing conditions such as roadway widths and constraints such as mature trees.



City policies include current road design standards such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards and others which support the City as a whole. Input from the public includes local knowledge, concerns and desires.

Every decision is different, which means the level of influence that public input, technical requirements, and City policies have is also different for each decision. You will be asked to advise the project team with local knowledge and help refine the design options. The City commits to telling you how public input influences decisions according to the City's public engagement spectrum. For more information on the spectrum you can visit edmonton.ca and search Public Engagement Spectrum.

About the project team

The Calder Neighbourhood Renewal project team is led by project manager, Laura Shewchuk and includes transportation engineers, urban planners, and a team of consultants supporting urban design, engineering, and community engagement.

Hello, I am Laura Shewchuk, the Planning and Design Project Manager for the Calder Neighbourhood Renewal. I have been working for the City of Edmonton for the past 15 years and am proud to serve Edmontonians. For the bulk of my career with the City I have been managing projects in partnership with community. I most recently helped Building Great Neighbourhoods create our new public engagement process and I'm looking forward to the great things we can accomplish together in Calder. I can be reached at Laura.Shewchuk@edmonton.ca or 780-944-0728.

Hello, my name is Donna Harasem and I am the Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator for Calder and surrounding communities. I work on many different projects from parkland development to block parties to supporting the league and other not-for-profits within the neighbourhoods that I serve. My role is to build connections and capacity. My ongoing relationships with community, school and faith groups ensure your community is connected to the resources the City of Edmonton can provide. I am looking forward to the great things residents will want to do after we create a community vision with you. I can be reached at Donna.Harasem@edmonton.ca or 780-944-5432.

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