

City prepares Local Improvement Plan

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30-day petition period

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## Local Improvements

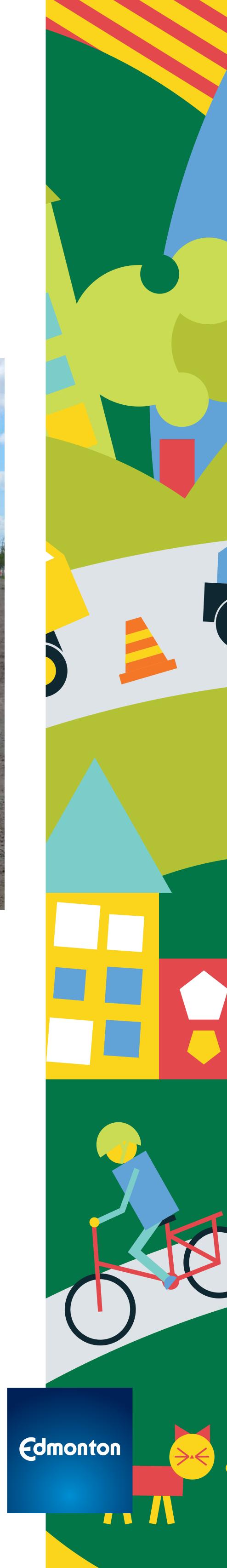
Local improvements are construction projects undertaken near or adjacent to your property, which City Council considers of **greater benefit to your area** than to the municipality as a whole. Local improvements are regulated by the Provincial Municipal Government Act.



The cost sharing of a local improvement depends on the type of local improvement. For City-initiated sidewalk reconstruction, the cost is shared 50–50 between the City at large and property owners.

Property owners have two payment options for their local improvement costs:

- 1. Lump sum payment: One-time full cost payment.
- 2. Amortized payment: The cost is paid gradually on your yearly property taxes (includes interest charges). The local improvement tax stays with the property; if you sell, the next owner will continue to pay the balance.



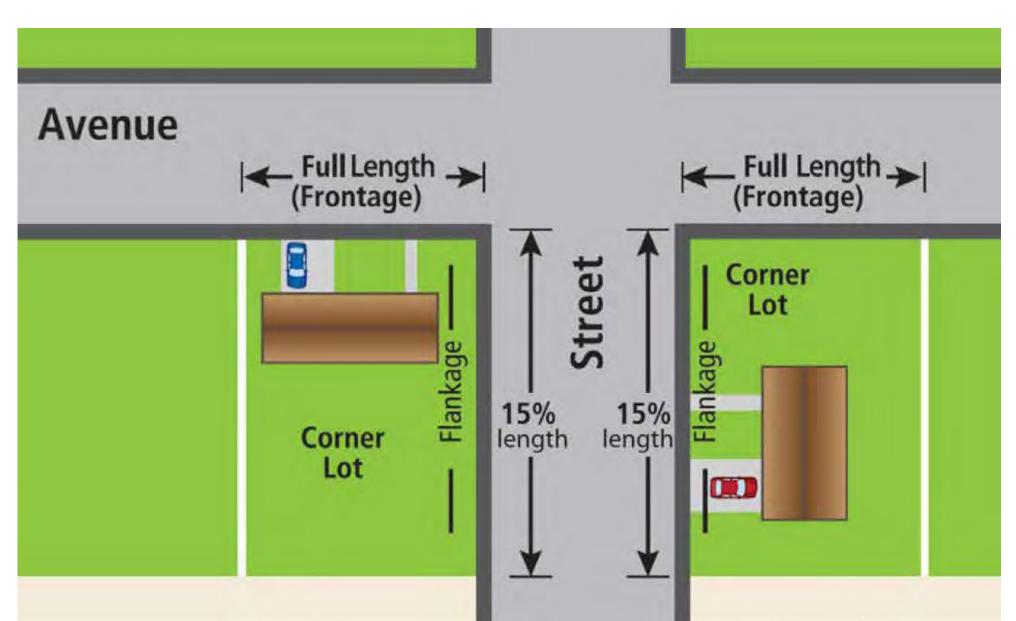
## Local Improvements Sidewalks: Cost

Property owners pay 50% of the sidewalk reconstruction based on their lot length assessment. The 2021 rate (50% of the cost) is: \$194.02 per metre assessed as a lump sum of \$12.61 per metre assessed per year.

A typical 50ft (15.24m) lot would cost about \$2,956.86 or \$192.18 per year over 20 years.

#### **Corner Lot Assessment**

Corner lots with proposed local improvement on both the front and the side of the property are assessed the full length of the frontage (short side) and 15% of the flankage (long side). House orientation does not affect frontage/flankage.



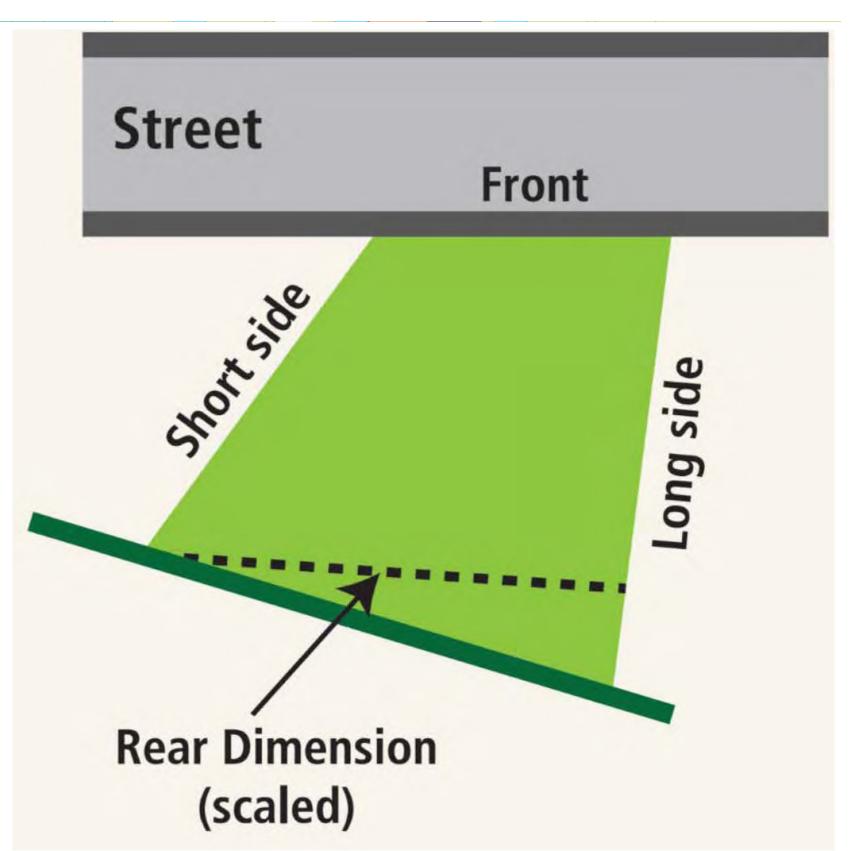
#### **Condo Unit Assessment**

The assessed total length of the lot is divided by the amount of units in the condo, including parking and storage spaces if they have tax roll accounts.

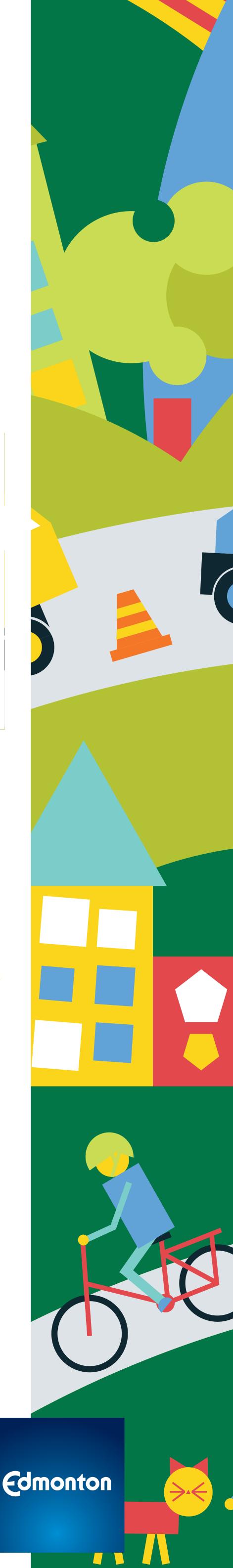
#### Pie or Odd-Shaped Lot Assessment

Pie or odd-shaped lot frontage is determined by adding the front and rear lot dimensions and dividing the total in half.

The rear dimension of a pie shaped lot is scaled off the corner at the shortest side and is projected at a right angle to the longest side.



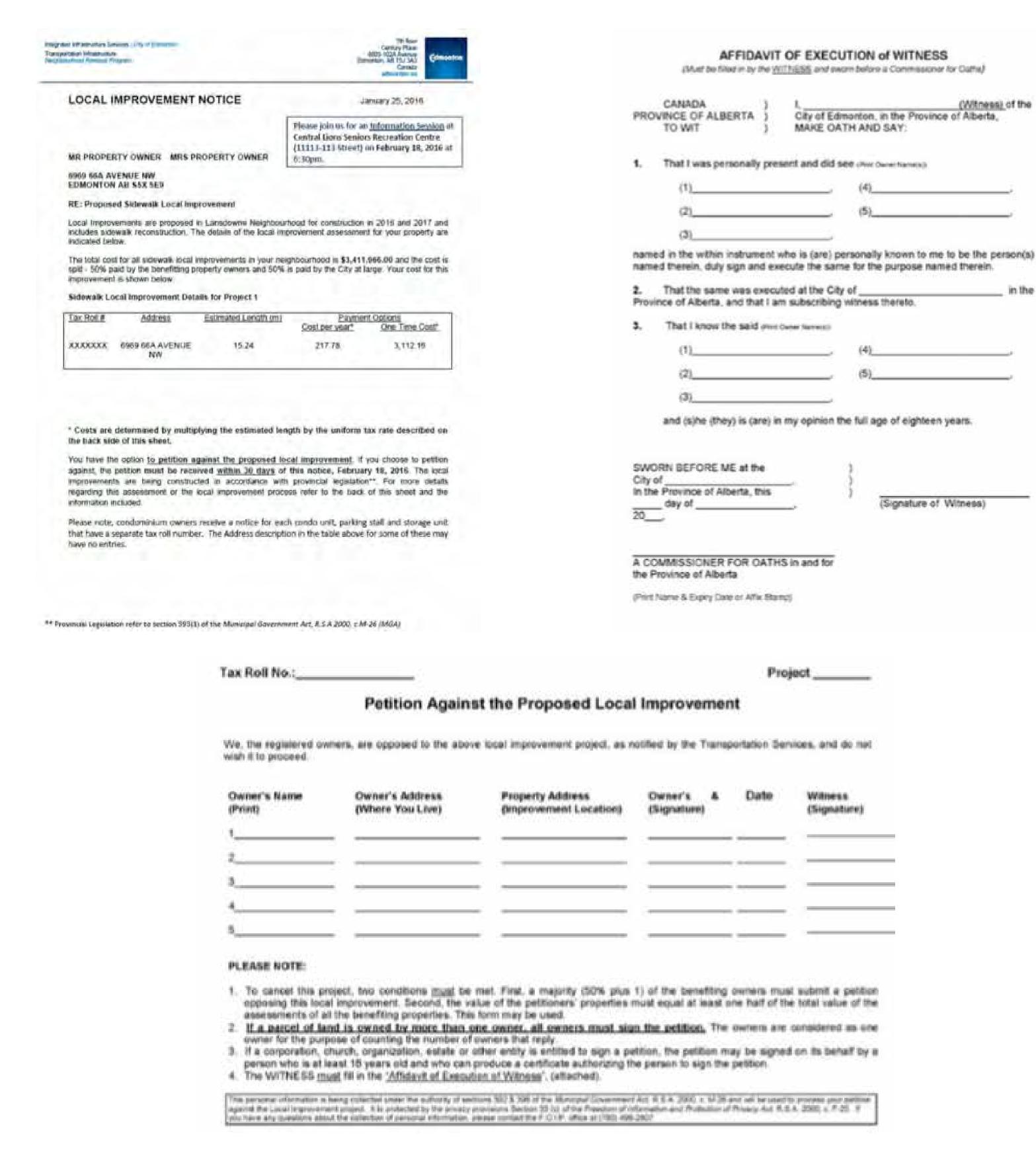
The exact cost for the local improvement is included on your local improvement tax notice the year following the completion of the sidewalk reconstruction.



# Local Improvements: Process

Property owners receive a local improvement notice in the mail about **4–6 months** before neighbourhood reconstruction begins.

- Property owners have **30 days to petition** against the local improvement
- A valid petition against must include witnessed signatures of all title owners and must swear an affidavit before a Commissioner of Oaths



Neighbourhoods are divided into project areas for the sidewalk reconstruction.

For the petition **against** sidewalk reconstruction to be successful, the petition must receive support from 50% +1 of the property owners within the project area (See Project Map).

Please note: there is no cost to property owners for brand new sidewalks that may be added to the neighbourhood as part of the neighbourhood reconstruction process.



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If the petition against the sidewalk reconstruction local improvement succeeds, the property owners within that project area will be notified and the sidewalk will not be reconstructed. The existing sidewalk will still undergo regular maintenance at the City's cost.

Examples of sidewalk maintenance include: grinding, patching and mud-jacking.







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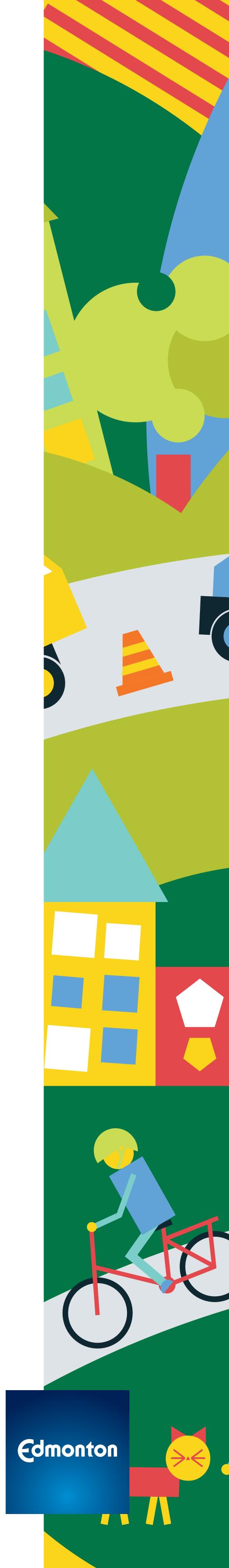


If the petition against the sidewalk reconstruction local improvement fails, the City will proceed with sidewalk reconstruction as scheduled.

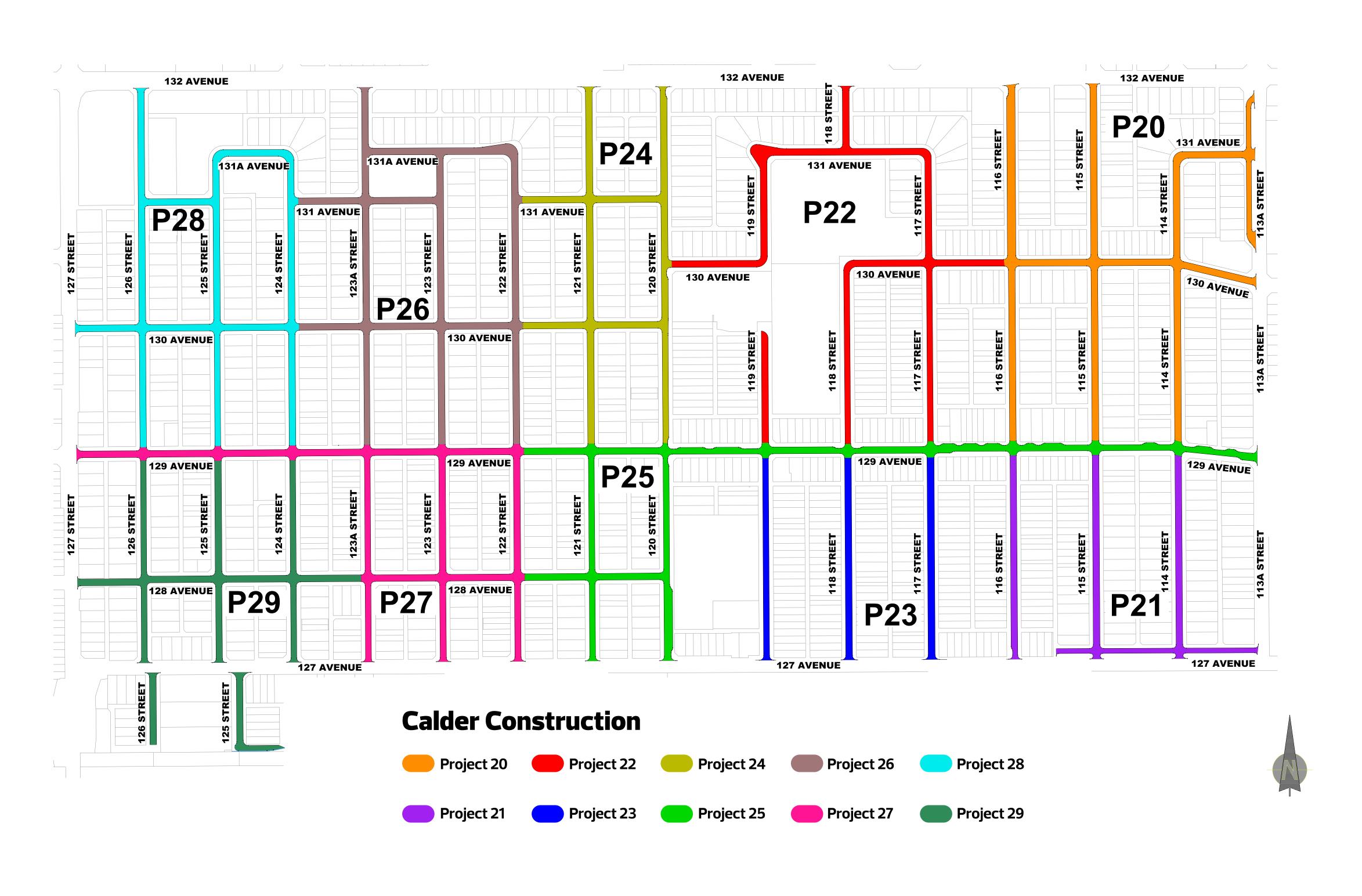
Sidewalk reconstruction local improvement costs include:

- Removal of existing concrete
- Excavation
- Laying of gravel base
- · Pouring new concrete with reinforcing steel
- Connecting sidewalk to property owners' sidewalk and driveway
- · Re-landscaping disturbed areas to City specifications
- A two-year construction warranty





## Local Improvement Projects



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