



HIGHLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL - SUMMER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Neighbourhood renewal work is continuing in the Highlands neighbourhood through 2020. In spring 2020, the City entered the second year of a planned 3-year construction for Highlands. Below is an update on construction progress and upcoming park space renewal work.

Neighbourhood Renewal

The 2020 Highlands construction began in early May along 63 Street moving eastward to 50 Street, north of 112 Avenue and south of 118 Avenue. Construction is progressing on time and sidewalks, curbs & gutter between 63 Street and 58 Street are being completed. By mid July, it is anticipated that renewal of the sidewalks, curbs and gutters will commence in an easterly direction from 57 Street to 55 Street.

Open Space Renewal

During the City's public engagement, residents were shown concepts for City-owned parks and green spaces and asked to prioritize which open spaces should receive upgrades. Five parks and green spaces were selected for upgrade based on the public engagement results. In early July, the City will begin renewal work on the selected open spaces. The open spaces identified for renewal, the elements that will be renewed and the estimated timing for the construction activities is provided in the table below.

Parks and Green Spaces for Renewal	Planned Renewal Work	Anticipated Construction Timing
Ada Boulevard & 52 Street Open Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove existing asphalt trail and replace with gravel trail Install new benches, picnic tables, landscape boulders and trash cans Plant new trees 	July/August
Buttercup Farm Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct a new concrete pathway that will include a coloured concrete feature in the shape of a buttercup Install new benches, trash cans, landscape boulders and planting beds 	August/September

Betty Stanhope-Cole Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Remove existing benches, paving and bumper posts ● Install new walkway, benches, picnic tables, trash cans, planting beds and trees 	July/August
Henry Martel Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Install new electrical panel to provide power to events ● Install new picnic tables, bike racks, and trash cans 	July/August
118 Avenue & 66 Street Streetscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Install new benches, bike racks and waste receptacle ● Install new planting bed and landscape boulders ● Plant new trees 	August/September

The timing provided in the above table is an estimate and is subject to change. As the work progresses, the City will be updating the Edmonton.ca/BuildingHighlands webpage to ensure residents are aware of parks and green spaces that are available for use and those which are closed to facilitate construction activities.

The City understands that Highland residents highly value access to the open spaces in their community. To ensure accessibility to open spaces in the neighbourhood during construction, construction activities will be completed in phases to facilitate public access to open spaces throughout construction. Construction fencing will be erected where necessary. In some cases, this will involve the entire park being fenced off; however, the City will re-open the parks in a timely manner as construction is completed or, in some cases, only specific areas of a park may be fenced to maintain access to the park.

Residents that live near the parks may experience increased noise levels and a minor increase in traffic in the areas where construction is taking place. All construction will take place between the mandated hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as the City endeavors to complete renewal work in your neighbourhood. The City is working hard to deliver valuable infrastructure upgrades to support the community now and into the future.

COVID-19 Impacts

The City continues to build and better our city because robust and healthy infrastructure is critical to a safe and healthy Edmonton. Almost one million people depend on the work being completed across neighbourhoods, parks, facilities, transportation and LRT. The COVID-19 pandemic won't last forever and it won't change the fact that Edmonton is still the growing and thriving city that we all love. The City is closely following the most recent guidelines and recommendations set by the Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services (AHS).

We are taking extra steps to ensure that the places where we continue to work and build are safe, sanitary, and provide adequate space for workers and the public to maintain an appropriate physical distance.

For updates on progress of the work, please visit edmonton.ca/BuildingHighlands.

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