

Building Great Neighbourhoods in Inglewood

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Project FAQ

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Building Great Neighbourhoods is a new branch of the City of Edmonton committed to making the most out of your neighbourhood by investing taxpayer and utility rate dollars in reconstructing neighbourhoods to enhance their livability and longevity. Our commitment is:

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 to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used.

What is Neighbourhood Renewal?

The Neighbourhood Renewal program is part of the Building Great Neighbourhoods initiative. It outlines a cost effective and long-term strategic approach to renew and rebuild roads, sidewalks and street lights in mature neighbourhoods. The new infrastructure will be in place for 30 to 50 years. In Inglewood, the scope of work includes:

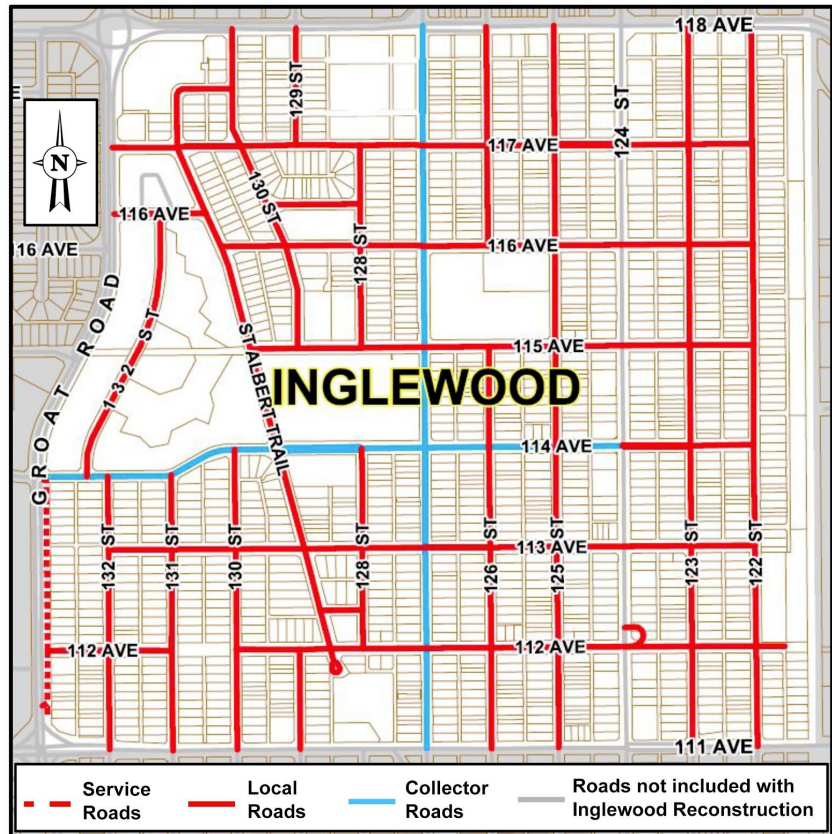
- New neighbourhood road surfaces (excludes arterial roads: 118 Avenue, Groat Road, 111 Avenue; also excludes 124 Street, which is a separate project to be delivered in coordination with Inglewood Neighbourhood Renewal)
- New sidewalks to replace existing (subject to approval of the 50/50 cost shared local improvement tax)
- New sidewalks where they are missing, where possible (at no cost to residents)
- New standard galvanized street lights

What could also be included, pending further funding from other City programs:

- Enhancements to pedestrian crossings, park spaces, paths, pedestrian connections, bike infrastructure and measures to reduce speeding and shortcutting.

What is not included:

- Alleys and arterial roads (funded through separate programs)
- Immediate maintenance issues (taken and referred to Operations and Maintenance)



Map showing scope of work for Inglewood Neighbourhood Renewal: 2019 - 2021

How are Decisions Made for the Inglewood Neighbourhood Renewal?

Globally, decisions are made by considering technical requirements and City policies/programs, together with 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 Edmonton's Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards. Input from the public includes local knowledge, views and desires gathered since January 2018.

The Inglewood Neighbourhood Renewal Project Team (project managers and engineers, as well as engineering, planning and landscape architecture consultants) make recommendations with justification for the proposed design. The design is approved or refined, based on funding available, and the project proceeds to Detailed Design, with the approved Concept Design as the foundation.

Creating a neighbourhood Concept Design* is a true team effort as input is also received from other City groups representing emergency services, operations and maintenance, recreation and parks, and forestry interests.

How is Neighbourhood Renewal Funded?

The Neighbourhood Renewal program is paid for through a combination of City-wide property taxes and provincial funding. However, two specific improvements—decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction — are cost-shared by the City and owners of property in the neighbourhood. Decisions for these improvements are voted on by property owners (see details at edmonton.ca/localimprovements). Property owners will receive a notice this fall to outline the process and potential costs for decorative street light options. Sidewalk reconstruction notices will be sent this winter prior to neighbourhood construction. New sidewalks added to the neighbourhood are at no additional cost to property owners.

To be approved for construction, the cost for the Concept Design* must fall within the renewal budget for the neighbourhood. Some elements proposed may not receive funding, however efforts will be made to partner with other City programs, community partners and initiatives to leverage additional funding opportunities.

What City Policies, Strategies and Standards Influence the Renewal Design?

All policies listed here can be found at Edmonton.ca - search using the policy title.

- Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards
- Bike Transportation Plan
- Mature Neighbourhood Overlay
- Active Transportation Policy
- Winter Design Guidelines
- Vision Zero
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Access Design Guide
- Checklist for Accessibility and Universal Design

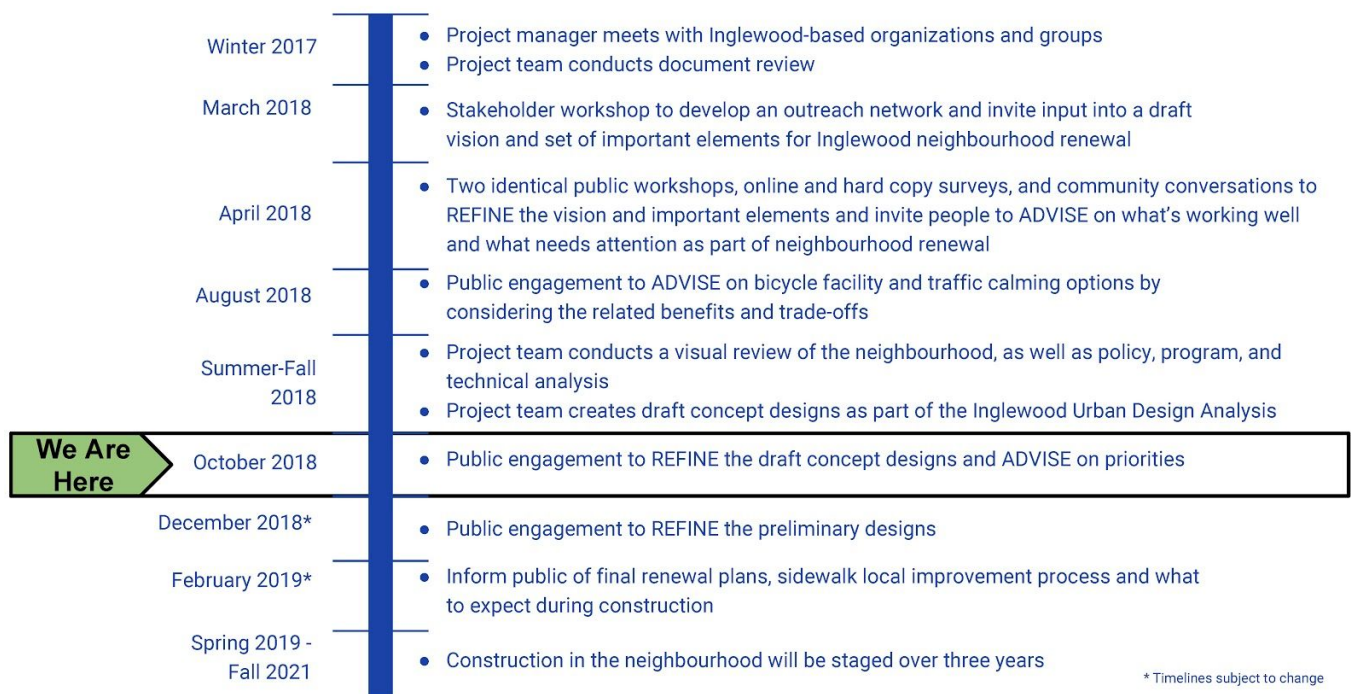
What are the Next Steps of Inglewood’s Neighbourhood Renewal?

Concept Designs* are being shared publicly for public review on October 2. Materials from the event will be available on the project website after the event. There will also be a feedback form available on the website until October 14 for those who were unable to attend the event to review the concepts and share their input.

The following few months will be used to fine-tune the design based on public feedback, and to more fully develop the technical and other elements of the plan including:

- Exact geometry of new sidewalks, traffic calming measures, and other roadway changes
- Details of the bike lanes on 127 Street
- Locations and style of street/park furniture
- Ideas to enhance and showcase Inglewood’s history and identity

It is anticipated the Preliminary Designs* will be shared with residents in December 2018.



Commonly Used Words in Neighbourhood Renewal:

***Concept Design** - Plan for “what” will be built, including roadway and sidewalk widths, intersection design, traffic movements, and green space ideas.

***Preliminary Design** - Plan includes specific design elements such as materials, exact geometry for roadway and sidewalk changes, locations and trade-offs for new sidewalks, confirms construction schedule and budget. Only minor suggestions and tweaks can be incorporated into the design at this stage.

How Will the Inglewood Vision and Important Elements be Used?

Options and recommendations for the neighbourhood are evaluated against the Vision and Important Elements of Inglewood and are reflected in the Concept Designs. The vision will be further used to assist with setting priorities when budgeting and making final design decisions.

VISION

Inglewood is a safe and walkable neighbourhood. It is welcoming to everyone, and brings people together through fun, community-building activities. It reflects its diversity and connections to Indigenous heritage.

IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

1. A safe neighbourhood, supported by lighting and visibility.
2. A walkable neighbourhood, supported by accessibility, traffic management, and safe crossings and pathways.
3. Common spaces that are functional and have amenities to support fun and community-building activities for people of all ages and backgrounds.
4. Visual representation of the neighbourhood's diversity, including Indigenous heritage.

Final Vision and Important Elements

How is the Decision to Proceed with Decorative Street Lights Made?

The City uses an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to determine if there is support within a neighbourhood for property owner-initiated local improvements like decorative street lights. If there is insufficient support for these upgrade options, standard street lights will be installed with no extra charge to property owners. In Inglewood, there are two decorative streetlight options being explored.

In the Inglewood area of heritage interest (125 and 126 Street from 111 to 113 Avenue), there was support for pursuing a post-top style of lighting, similar to the nearby Westmount Architectural Heritage Area. The requirement for this to proceed is a positive response from 50% +1 of all property owners in the area of heritage interest.

The rest of Inglewood is pursuing a black, fluted pole with the heritage arm. The requirement to proceed with decorative street lights in the rest of the neighbourhood is for the majority (50+1%) of a representative sample of respondents responding in favour. For Inglewood, the representative sample size must meet or exceed 439 responses.

The Inglewood Community League will be canvassing the neighbourhood in support of decorative street lights. For more information, please contact the Community League at info@inglewoodcl.com.

Get Involved & Stay Informed!

The City recognizes each Edmonton neighbourhood is unique. To ensure a solid understanding of what is important to those who live and work in Inglewood, we are actively engaging with the community to capture your vision of your neighbourhood. There are many opportunities for you to get involved. For more information (i.e. upcoming public meetings, project updates, sign up to email list, etc.) regarding the Inglewood neighbourhood renewal, please visit edmonton.ca/BuildingInglewood.

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