We asked kids across Edmonton to imagine the comic book superheroes that build our city. From the heroes and ideas they imagined, we created a comic book.

A COMIC ABOUT HOW EVERYONE IS A CITY BUILDER.

A COMIC ABOUT HOW EVERYONE WHO BUILDS OUR CITY IS A SUPERHERO.

These kids have great ideas for their city and neighbourhoods. As the City of Edmonton builds its plans and policies, it’s important that we listen to young people and their ideas. This is a story about their favourite buildings and businesses, and the spaces and places in-between, and how they wish to see Edmonton grow and evolve.

Also, it’s about incredibly cool super powers.

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THE BUILDERS
In this city everyone is a superhero with a job to do...

It’s Shock’s job to shoot lightning out of his hands and train at Terwillegar Rec Centre.

It’s Oofy’s job to breathe underwater and love hockey.

It’s Olivea’s job to lead and also fly.
In this city everyone is a superhero with a job to do... except, for these three.

Lily, Aadi, and Chip!

Because no matter how hard they look, they can't figure out their super powers!
I sneezed and hiccuped at the same time once?

Everyone has all these cool powers and jobs to do. What are our powers?!

That's cool, but it's not really a super power, Chip.
So, they went out into their city to try and figure out what their powers were.
While they were helping out at the community garden they tried to see if they had super strength.

While they were talking with new friends at the park, they tried to see if they could make things float with their minds.

While they were taking the bus to explore new neighbourhoods, they tried to see if they could become invisible.

So, I don’t have super strength. But I did tear my pants…

This is giving me a headache.

We can still see you, bud.
But Aadi was distracted...

We've spent all day helping at the garden, and getting to know our neighbours, and exploring the city, but we still can’t figure out our super power!
IMAGINE IF THERE WERE MORE VEGETABLE GARDENS EVERYWHERE!

AND WHAT IF IT WAS EASIER FOR US TO GET TO OUR FAVOURITE PLACES! LIKE THE ICE CREAM SHOP AND THE COMIC BOOK STORE!

YEAH, AND WHAT IF THERE WERE MORE HOMES, WE'D HAVE SO MANY NEW FRIENDS!
And just as they imagined what kind of city they wanted to build...

Something incredible started to happen.

They realized their power...
They were city builders.

Heroes with the ability to use their energy and imaginations to make their city even better.
When we helped out at the garden we were city building!

When we got to know new different people we were city building!

When we found new ways around we were city building!

When we helped out at the garden we were city building!
All day we've been making our city better! Not just for us, but for everyone! Which is exactly what superheroes do! We found our superpower!
They had discovered their power. The power to build their city.

It's a power to imagine and reimagine what it can be.

It's a power we all have.

And I can still sneeze and hiccup at the same time.
Share your city-building superpowers by using #TheBuildersYEG on social media.