



# BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

## AVONMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

### ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Nathan Mison, <i>President</i>	Stacey Mison
Boris Vajsbel	Chissa Schmul
Elizabeth Descheneaux	Natalie Hoy
Lisa Bromley	Ginette Davidiuk
Davion Shewchuk	Vanessa Padoani
Joanne Alford	Lee McEwen
Anita Lunden	Tanya Wright

### ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Steve Aguiar, Transportation Operations  
Dale Lehman, Neighbourhood Renewal  
Janice Scott, Drainage Services  
Susan Dack, CRC

The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Avonmore community league to share the City's plans to renew and replace sanitary and storm sewers, reconstruct roads, curbs and sidewalks on City-owned Property, and replace streetlights starting in 2015. The City presentation included:

- An outline of the Building Great Neighbourhoods process and timing.
- A question to the league about any initiatives underway that could align with or impact opportunities for any City capital investment.
- The City listening to league suggestions for capital improvements that could be made during the construction process to improve pedestrian and cycling access and the livability or attractiveness of Glenora.
- An overview of the Local Improvement process and the choices property owners will make.
- A request for the community league's help in advertising future Building Great Neighbourhood meetings.

The following provides an overview of the discussion:

**League:** How does this coordinate and deal with future projects such as bike lanes and LRT?

**City:** Neighbourhood Renewal works with other departments and branches, such as Sustainable Transportation to coordinate projects and strategies.

83 Street was taken out to coordinate with LRT, as the City does not want to waste any money and build something that will only be ripped up down the road.

**League:** Is 76 Avenue part of this renewal? We are wondering because of the bike lane going in.

**City:** 76 Avenue is out of the scope of neighbourhood reconstruction, as it has been recently rehabilitated.

**League:** How do we know about the drainage work? How does the City determine what work is done, such as relining or open cut?

**City:** The entire neighbourhood is scoped with CCTV, Drainage determines which pipes require renewal and then completes a renewal design. Residents would receive notification from the contractor if work is being done in the area.

**League:** Would the pedestrian crossing at 83 Street be included in the neighbourhood reconstruction?

**City:** No. 83 Street is being left out of the scope of this project due to its inclusion in the Valley Line LRT project.

**League:** Does the cost for standard LED lights come from Neighbourhood Renewal?

**City:** Yes. Neighbourhood Renewal replaces the pole and light standard. This is different from the City-wide change to LED lighting, which is just changing the bulbs to LED bulbs.



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**League:** Do the standard streetlight poles have external power sources? Wondering so that they can plug in lights as part of the winter strategy?

**City:** No, these streetlight poles will not have external power sources.

**League:** If there are people interested in decorative street lighting but other residents aren't, could a group fundraise to cover the difference? Does it have to go to each household?

**City:** The City's Local Improvement process is guided by the Provincial *Municipal Government Act* and applies to all property owners (not residents) in the neighbourhood, as there is a cost involved that will be applied to future property tax notices. Every property owner has the choice to support or not support decorative streetlights. This means that 51 per cent of all property owners in a given neighbourhood need to support the local improvement in order for it to be applied.

**League:** Can the 50/50 sidewalk shared cost be paid over a period of time?

**City:** yes, it can be amortized over 20 years. The Local Improvement Tax Levy stays with the property.

**League:** Will there be any impact on water pressure from drainage work (like with the spray deck)?

**City:** Drainage Services will check with EPCOR to see if they have work planned in Avonmore.

**City:** Are there any projects/initiatives you have underway that may align with or impact opportunities for Building Great Neighbourhoods?

**League:** Yes. We are planning for a playground revitalization on one side of the neighbourhood. There is no timeline for this work. One playground is being revitalized now. Bylaw about gravel parking lots was on the books for a long time, may be something that comes up. Bike lanes, LRT, 75 Street revitalization.