



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

BONNIE DOON NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

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ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

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The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Bonnie Doon 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 Bonnie Doon.
- 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:

City: To clarify about the budget for Neighbourhood Renewal: the City is investing approximately

\$36 million in Bonnie Doon, above the typical \$25 million, as it is a very large neighbourhood.

Also, drainage work has already begun in the neighbourhood and is nearly completed. Only some relining work remains to be done.

League: There is an ongoing issue inherent in the south quadrant is odor. We have been working for a number of years on odor mitigation. Are there any plans for sanitary/storm sewer separation?

City: The City has no plans to separate them at the moment; we only renew what already exists. It is too costly to split whole city. Some solutions are being explored for Bonnie Doon, however this is a separate issue from the Neighbourhood Drainage Renewal program. However we are aware of the odor problems and are working on it.

League: We've heard interest from our community for globe-style decorative street lighting, similar to the lights in some neighbourhoods like Glenora. However there are implications that these are not energy efficient and are a problem to maintain. Can you explain?

City: Glenora is a special case. As a historic neighbourhood, there was special status to retain heritage lighting in the neighbourhood. The Viewpoint area of Cromdale has also gone through City Council to receive a similar heritage designation. However these streetlights are an exception to the Building Great Neighbourhoods decorative streetlight options. The options provided through Neighbourhood Renewal are based on a variety of factors, including cost, maintenance, and sustainability.

League: In regards to the Expression of Interest for decorative streetlights: if the neighbourhood fails to get 51 per cent of the neighbourhood to agree to the upgrade, is there any other option to get an arterial road done such as 91 Street/Rue Mary Anne Gabourey?



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City: Neighbourhood Renewal does not include arterial roads; we work on local roads only. All decorative streetlight local improvements require 51 per cent of neighbourhood property owners in favour, as per the *Municipal Government Act*.

91 Street has streetscape work done in 2000. Property owners there are paying for that work, which Neighbourhood Renewal will leave as is. There may be portions of sidewalk replaced on parts of 91 Street outside of the streetscape (south of 84 Avenue) and we will rehabilitation the roadway, however the current streetscape elements will remain.

League: Does the City have a map of the roads that will be done in Bonnie Doon?

City: There is a scope map available that we can send to you. Detailed design work for specific streets will be done later and a design scope map will be shared at our next neighbourhood-wide meeting.

League: Can you explain the process for the Expression of Interest? It seems that the onus is on the community to find property owners and get signatures. The process to track property owners may be difficult.

City: The City provides all the addresses, tax roll, and legal lot and block information for all associated properties on the Expression of Interest for the decorative street lighting proposed.

City: Are there any projects or initiatives the neighbourhood has underway that may align with or impact opportunities for Building Great Neighbourhoods?

League: The neighbourhood has not approved any developments, but we will keep in mind.

League: Drainage, roads and community services are involved in Building Great Neighbourhoods—where do utilities fit into this?

City: EPCOR looks into water in the area. They usually go in one year before Neighbourhood Renewal. They

will be out in 2014 replacing water lines up to the beginning of construction, especially if there's a water main break. The City schedules reconstruction with utilities. All utilities are told that the City's undertaking reconstruction so that we can coordinate efforts. The two biggest utilities that are completed along with Neighbourhood Renewal are drainage and water. ATCO Gas did not indicate work being done in Bonnie Doon.

League: Telus has been doing fibre optic push underground. Does the City also coordinate with them?

City: Telus receives communications from the City, but they will not be doing work coordinated with Neighbourhood Renewal. There are fewer issues with "softer" utilities when it comes to reconstruction.

League: How are roads reconstructed during Neighbourhood Renewal? Does the City do one area, then the next? Every second road?

City: We schedule work over the two to three years we will be in the neighbourhood. We work to maintain access for pedestrians and motorists as well as access to homes. A project area is usually spread out over several kilometres. The road in front of one home can take two to two-and-a-half months to complete. This work includes curb and gutter, road foaming and paving. Only one side of the road will be closed to maintain traffic, and the alleys are accessible so that residents can access their homes. Residents with accessibility issues can contact the construction project manager prior to work beginning to sort out accommodations during construction.

League: City Council has pushed construction of the Valley Line LRT back a year. Will this have an impact on Neighbourhood Renewal when Bonnie Doon is shut down for reconstruction? Is there symbiosis between projects?

City: We work as much as possible to coordinate work being done by other branches or departments. For example, we stayed away from drainage work in areas



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of Glenora affected by 2013 improvements to the Stony Plain Road over Groat Road Bridge.

League: One question related to reconstruction along 91 Street: the University-owned area is separate from the neighbourhood of Bonnie Doon. We have had challenges working with the University in the past. Are there any issues with other areas in terms of being able to partner with them for Neighbourhood Renewal?

City: Streetscape work on 91 Street went very smoothly, so we don't foresee a big issue when we undertake reconstruction in Bonnie Doon. We do have to maintain access to the University buildings and local businesses, however most of this access is from 91 Street, which is not part of the neighbourhood reconstruction. The City's work on 91 Street will be paving and concrete work along sections that were not included in the original streetscape. We would hope that representatives from that area attend the upcoming neighbourhood reconstruction meetings or contact us if they have any concerns.

League: We are working with the University of Alberta on parking issues, bike paths, etc. in the area.

City: If there is design work already taking place, please let us know so that we can coordinate this work with our upcoming reconstruction efforts.