



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

BONNIE DOON MEETING THREE

FEBRUARY 10, 2015 6:30-8:30 PM

The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Bonnie Doon beginning in spring 2015. As the City is committed to involving Edmontonians in the decisions that affect them, residents have been asked to provide input, to identify missing sidewalk connections and opportunities for other investments to add to Bonnie Doon's livability.

The City held its first meeting with the community league executive on September 18, 2013. A second neighbourhood-wide meeting was held April 3, 2014. A final pre-construction meeting was held February 10, 2015.

Bonnie Doon residents had the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the neighbourhood preliminary design, and learn about the local improvement process. Staff members from Transportation Services, Community Services, Drainage Services and Forestry were on hand to address residents' questions.

The following provides a general overview of comments and questions from the February 10, 2015 meeting.

DRAINAGE

- *Concern about our drainage: fix our property to back alley 6 years ago, now up to City to fix their part. Dec 30, 2014 had to call City because of sewer backup. Blockage was past our property line.*

The City evaluates the need for rehabilitation or replacement of the City-owned portion of sewer laterals (the underground pipe that connects a residence or business to the main sewer line) on a case-by-case basis, depending on the frequency of blockages and structural condition of the pipe. If you continue to have blockage issues, please contact Drainage Services by calling 311. They will investigate and evaluate your lateral to determine if it is a candidate for rehabilitation or replacement.

- *I was pleased to learn that the order of the construction phases has been changed in order to provide more time to address the odour issue related to the drainage system along 88 Avenue.*
- *Something to be done about the smell coming out of the sewer system around 88 Ave and 90 St.*
- *Why not address sewer problems before paving?*

Drainage Services is committed to addressing odour concerns within Bonnie Doon related to the large trunk sewer that runs along 88 Avenue. Drainage Services will be studying and developing solutions to share with the community in 2015. To get involved in the process, please contact Drainage Services at 780-496-7900.

CONSTRUCTION

- *I am angry! For the last few years it was my understanding the reconstruction work would be done in 2015. Last summer—2014—access to my garage was restricted for several weeks for sewer reconstruction, great! Some inconvenience for 2015 renewal! Now I learn the renewal will not happen until 2017! I am told sewer realignment. I have been waiting for many years. 87 Street north of 82 Ave is a third-world roadway. Every year I call for pothole repair.*

The construction year split of the neighbourhood was changed to accommodate ongoing drainage work on the south side of the neighbourhood. We ensure major utility work is completed before beginning neighbourhood reconstruction otherwise new construction may be damaged.



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- *Is there a natural gas pipeline in 91 Street from 88 Ave north feeding the downtown core? If there is, will this affect the paving/fill of the street?*

There is an existing gas line at 91 Street and 88 Avenue, but it will not affect the paving or reconstruction of the road.

- *Disappointed that we face a 3-year renewal vs. two years. One year less of traffic disruptions, dust, etc. would be preferable. The road conditions in the south Bonnie Doon are the worst so should be first. Suggest using 91/92 St as dividing line for construction years.*

Construction must be staged over three years due to the large size of the Bonnie Doon neighbourhood. However, the ultimate staging is dependent upon weather conditions, coordination of work with other utilities, and design and construction issues that may arise in the field.

CURBS

- *Much prefer round curbs (rolling curbs)*

Curb types are determined by the roadway type as well as field conditions (trees, lot grading, etc.).

NEIGHBOURHOOD LIVABILITY

- *Sidewalk to Rutherford School playground: good idea and use of green space. Branches at south a plus. Community garden area, too.*

Thank you. Please work with your community league and your community recreation coordinator to develop a community garden.

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL

- *With the extreme loss in the value of our petroleum and the attendant loss of jobs and income this whole approach to saddle the neighbourhood poor with higher taxes and costs of improvements be put off until better economic times return only general maintenance and necessary repairs should be looked at. Stop this tsunami of spending. Please.*

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program was created with a dedicated property tax levy to provide it with predictable, reliable and stable funding. The dedicated tax is 1.5% for 2015 and is paid for by every property owner in the City. This funding is supplemented by provincial grants and local improvement taxes. The program is expected to be self-funded by 2018. Consistent, stable, long-term funding allows the City to plan for and undertake much-needed infrastructure renewal work independent of economic fluctuations.



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PARKING

- *I know 95 St has been mentioned already regarding closing it off...not an issue for me. I have a concern—when cars/trucks (there are many larger trucks, ½ tons) parked on that street there is only room for 1 car/truck to go down the street. This is fine but in winter, when vehicles are parked on both sides, taking up more of the road space (along with snow windrow) I think this is a safety concern. There are times that I believe a fire truck or EMS vehicle could not make it down the street. Is there any way parking could be on one side during the winter months? Also, please note there are many suites (basement) duplexes and even 4-plexes on 95 Street across and beside our home. There is always and I mean always cars parked on every inch of curb by 10 pm. This is not safe during the winter—impairs emergency access. Just a note during folk fest season it is parking on 1 side only...works very well!!! Please can this be done during winter?*
- *I'm glad that you are upgrading the street but when will you bring Edmonton to the 20th Century—not to mention 21st—with regard to:*
 - *All winter parking bans on all streets and regular snow plowing*
 - *Parking on one side all year on streets like 83 Avenue—with parking on both sides it's a one-way street!*

The community league may request a Transportation Operations review. Specific locations can be reviewed independently of any major neighbourhood review by Parking Management. Please email them at transportationoperations@edmonton.ca.

SIDEWALKS

- *Does the repair of connecting sidewalks occur right up to property line (sidewalks, driveways)? Does the cost indicated cover the cost of all concrete work including connector sidewalks and connector driveways?*

Limits of construction are determined in the field and may not go right up to the property line. They are based on the final elevation of the roadway and sidewalk. The full cost is included in the sidewalk local improvement notice you received. The cost of reconstruction covers: the removal of existing concrete; excavation; laying of gravel base and reinforcing steel; pouring of new concrete; connecting sidewalks to property; and re-landscaping the disturbed areas to City specifications.

TREES

- *I have 2 large elm trees 3' wide x 60' high on the boulevard in front of my house. How will this affect the reconstruction of the sidewalk? Will the curb be high enough to protect these trees from cars doing hammerhead turns in the street?*

The City tree policy works towards preserving trees as much as possible through the use of extra cuts and rebar in sidewalks. Another option that is also explored to mitigate impacts on mature trees is slightly shifting the location of sidewalks. In order to keep drainage flowing from private property toward the roadway, grading must be done appropriately. Grading depends on the condition of lots and sidewalks, which will not be finalized until the completion of in-field grade design during construction. An urban forester will also be involved in Bonnie Doon and will guide the contractor in dealing with mature neighbourhood trees.



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UTILITIES

- *Bury power lines—this would be the biggest improvement. Real eyesore.*
- *Seeing as the section from 88 Ave south is planned for 2017 it gives us ample time to change the power poles from 82 Ave to 88 Ave along 91 St. These power lines need to go underground. How can we work with you to make this happen?*

Burying overhead power lines is utility work not undertaken by the City. To address concerns about the overhead lines, please contact EPCOR at 780-412-3128 to look into opportunities for relocations.