



## BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

### GLENORA NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE OCTOBER 10, 2012 8:55 P.M.-10 P.M.

#### ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Christine Nardella     Aron Pawliw  
Mark Nicoll             Michelle Hildebrand  
Dennis Coulthard     Kirsten Hartwick  
Mary Dunnigan         Pam Wojcicki  
Jolene Jalota           Colin Inglis  
Karan Jalota             Dave Campbell  
Karen Kennedy

#### ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Steve Aguiar, Transportation Operations  
Cathy Dytiuk, Office of Great Neighbourhoods  
Kelly FitzGibbon, Communications  
Janice Scott, Drainage Services  
CRC Absent

The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Glenora 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 2014. 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:** We're interested in decorative streetlights. Some of us have talked to our neighbours, and they'd definitely like decorative ones to improve property values.

**City:** Glenora's unique challenge is that some sections of the neighbourhood currently have decorative streetlights. We will need to discuss specific options for Glenora with our Neighbourhood Renewal team. We will need to determine if we can upgrade the existing decorative streetlights to LED standard and refurbish them, as well as determine how the rest of the neighbourhood can get its own decorative streetlights. Steve Aguiar will look into it and provide options.

**League:** Many of our sidewalks have poured asphalt topping that was resurfaced last year. With this being replaced with concrete?

**City:** Yes, all existing neighbourhood sidewalks are replaced with city-standard concrete unless they are a shared-use path. Neighbourhood reconstruction is a long-term investment, and concrete sidewalks are more robust and longer lasting than asphalt walks.

**League:** We're very concerned about excavating curbs and hurting trees. We would hate for our 100-year old trees to be removed or die.

**City:** The City does everything it can to preserve existing trees. We will trim the trees as necessary and have urban forestry come out to inspect them. We have design treatments to accommodate mature trees in close proximity, such as moving the curb or sidewalk further away from the tree, or pouring smaller sidewalk panels with additional rebar.

**League:** We are concerned about impacts of construction of the 102 Avenue and Stony Plain Road bridges over Groat Road in the next few years.

**City:** Work on the Stony Plain Road bridge will be completed before neighbourhood reconstruction



begins. Reconstruction of the 102 Avenue bridge will be concurrent with neighbourhood reconstruction. We are working with the construction teams to mitigate impacts, including detour routes.

**League:** The neighbourhood has five high-rise towers being built. How will neighbourhood residents access collector roads with this huge development in the way? We're very concerned about how that will impact Glenora, as there are no collector roads near the site at the moment. Do we get a say as to what happens on roads adjacent to development?

**City:** When you reconstruct, you look at how all the pieces of a neighbourhood fit together. We will discuss this zoning with Sustainable Development to determine the best course of action. Residents will also have an opportunity to comment on roadway designs our next neighbourhood-wide meeting.

**League:** Concerned about grading on 140 Street.

**City:** All grading throughout the neighbourhood is looked at during reconstruction. We make sure to build up where needed and fix any surface damage.

**League:** Almost all sewer systems are through back alleys. We're assuming that access to the back alleys will be blocked off?

**City:** Neighbourhood reconstruction doesn't include alley renewal. Sewer renewal is nearly complete. The work does not require blocking off access to the alleys. If there are existing alley lights, we'll change them to LED during reconstruction.

**League:** Every other intersection has some sort of signage but most people don't pay attention to it. We're concerned about speeding in the area. This neighbourhood has a lot of kids, dog walkers, etc.

**City:** We review traffic flows during reconstruction to determine if Glenora needs more crosswalks, four-way stops, etc. If there are any specific intersection concerns, let us know and we can look at them.

**League:** Because of our tall trees, we can't put in tall streetlights. Does that change the kind of lights we can put in?

**City:** We will trim around existing trees and put streetlights close to their current locations. We can also install streetlights with longer arms to reach the street.

**League:** Is there competitive bidding for contracts?

**City:** All neighbourhood reconstruction is put out to tender. The City only accepts the lowest qualified bid that meets City standards.

**League:** We don't have a lot of on-street parking, especially around the community league hall. We would like to request that the road in front of the hall be widened to allow for more parking.

**City:** Thank you for your suggestion. All roads are assessed and changes based on current road standards. During the review, we will look at this road to see what changes can be made. These will be shown in the preliminary design at our next meeting.

**League:** Sunday night is the best night to meet with Glenora residents and will have the best turnout.

**City:** We will take that into consideration and work with the community league to ensure that you know about dates in advance.

#### NEXT STEPS

The City of Edmonton will host a neighbourhood wide meeting where all residents and property owners are invited to review preliminary designs that show neighbourhood improvements.

The presentation shown at the Community League tonight will be posted on the website, as well as any handouts that were provided.

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