



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

KILKENNY NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Anna Taylor (*President*) Amber Fink
 Vitor Vieira (*VP Administration*) Dawn McOrmond
 Anjoli Usman (*Secretary*) Amanda Donald
 Pattie Sidlick Donna Marshall

ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Ali Akbar, Drainage Services
 Raf Tenderenda, Drainage Services
 Cathy Dytiuk, Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program
 Dale Lehman, Neighbourhood Renewal
 Norma Lorincz, Community Recreation Coordinator
 Lyndsay Ward, Office of Public Engagement

The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Kilkenny 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 2017.

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.
- 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: Which neighbourhoods opted for decorative streetlights?

City: To date, several neighbourhoods have opted to put in decorative streetlights, including:

Westmount (Non-Heritage Areas)	Black fluted poles with Heritage Arm
Avonmore	Black octagonal poles with Heritage Arm
Laurier Heights	Black fluted poles with Heritage Arm
Grovenor	Black fluted poles with Heritage Arm
North Glenora	Black fluted poles with Heritage Arm
Argyll	Black powder-coating to the Standard pole (Davit Pole)
Woodcroft	Black fluted poles with Heritage Arm
Dovercourt	Black fluted poles with Heritage Arm

League: What about apartment buildings (renters)? Do they have a vote in local improvement such as decorative streetlights?

City: Only property owners can vote on local improvements. Each property owner has one vote. For apartment buildings, it is the owner of the building (property owner) who has the vote, not the people who rent in the building. For condos, each condo owner (property owner) has one vote, therefore a condo complex can have a lot of votes.

League: What is the cost of the decorative streetlight arms?

City: We don't have costs on specific arms. However, the chart in the brochure (http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/PDF/Decorative_Street_Light_Brochure.pdf) will give you a good idea of overall decorative pole costs depending on pole type and colour.





BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

When the City sends the decorative streetlight committee the Expression of Interest (EOI) package, it will include a more detailed cost estimate. If over 50 per cent of residents sign the EOI package for the decorative streetlights, then the City will initiate the decorative streetlight process, and each property owner will receive an exact cost through their local improvement notice.

For more information on this, please see "Timeline & Process" in the Decorative Streetlight Brochure (http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/PDF/Decorative_Street_Light_Brochure.pdf).

League: How many neighbourhoods have opted for the decorative streetlights?

City: About 60 to 75 per cent of the neighbourhoods opted for the decorative streetlights.

League: Who maintains (such as clearing snow) hard surfaces (such as pathways or sidewalks) if they are put in?

City: If a hard surface crosses an area the community league is responsible for through its licence agreement, then maintenance is the community league's responsibility. Hard surfaces on City property, such as road right of way, are the adjacent property owners' responsibility to clear.

City: Any suggestions around pedestrian and cycling access, traffic access or opportunities to improve the livability of your neighbourhood?

League: We would like to see curb extensions in front of the community league building on 72 Street, by John Barnett elementary school and along 149A Street at the JA Fife School. Also, we are concerned about kids crossing the streets in front of the schools, and speeding.

League: How do curb extensions affect bus routes?

City: Speed studies can be ordered and will help make decisions regarding the curb extensions. Please talk to your neighbours and gather feedback on where the

problem areas in your neighbourhood are by December 15, 2015. Community leagues have approached this in different ways (door knocking, flyers, etc.). If curb extensions are deemed an appropriate measure to address the above concerns and are technically feasible in the proposed location, they will be designed to accommodate the turning movements of vehicles like buses and garbage trucks.

League: For decorative streetlights, is it the entire neighbourhood that gets them?

City: Yes, if the local improvement is passed.

League: Can you go over the Local Improvement process again?

City: The local improvement process for decorative streetlights is initiated by the community, usually through the creation of a Decorative Street Lighting Committee (DSCL). The DSCL will work with residents to choose a streetlight style. The DSCL then submits its choice to the City by July 4, 2016, after which the City prepares an expression of interest (EOI) for September 1, 2016.

The community must then get 51 per cent signed support from property owners for the local improvement to pass and send the petition to the City by November 15, 2016. If it passes, the local improvement will be undertaken in the neighbourhood and the cost above regular galvanized streetlight replacement will be paid 100 per cent by property owners. Info can be found on the City website, at www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/decorative-lighting.aspx.

League: The project area on the map provided does not cover the entire community league, which has a boundary beyond the project area.

City: The project area is only for the Kilkenny geographic neighbourhood, not the community league boundary area.

League: A lot of residents have street-only access to their houses. With the roadway being reconstructed,



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

how would that affect people getting into their homes and transporting large items? Would they have to park a long way away from their house?

City: We will talk to residents about a lot of those questions at the upcoming open houses. The road work is done on one side of the road and then the other. The actual full-depth reclamation and paving process is quick, so there will not be very long stretches of time where residents can't get into their house from the street. If a street needs to be fully reconstructed, the process is longer, though full reconstruction is not what usually happens. The project manager will work with homeowners to accommodate access.

League: For the drainage and sanitation work, is it the main lines, the ones that aren't on people's properties?

City: If there are problems on the City side of the line, the City will fix them. If there is a problem on a property owner's side, the City will notify the owner when the initial assessment of the line is done. It is then the property owner's responsibility to decide whether to fix it or not. When the City does do the work on the line, we try to work through the manhole through to the line. This way, we don't have to open up the ground to do the work.

League: Right now, I clear the sidewalks of snow in front of the community league building, as well as the school. Our tractor falls off the side the sidewalk by the bus stop. I've also seen the City clear the area, and they also find it difficult to get past the bus stop sign that is there. Can we put the bus stop sign in a different place with the new sidewalk so it is not in the way of snow clearing?

City: We encourage residents to let the City clear sidewalks that are adjacent to City-owned property. Guidelines on the placement of bus stop posts indicate that they should not obstruct the sidewalk, but unfortunately, sometimes they do. Your feedback that the bus stop sign post is an obstruction is useful

information for us and is why we're here to find out what the concerns are. Any sidewalk reconstruction will be done to current standards for width whenever possible.

League: The City needs to prioritize snow clearing around the school.

City: We will pass that along to the proper City department.

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

League:

1. The M.E. Lazerte park master plan renewal.
2. The Capital Regional Housing complex will be torn down by the end of this year (2015). It is a three-year project, so it will be still going on during the renewal project.

League: Can we put the email address you provided into our newsletter for residents to ask questions?

City: Yes. You can put it on the community league's website, and we will be sharing the email address with people at the open houses. If there is additional information that the community league would like to provide us, please do so by December 15, 2015. If the league has or gathers additional information, it is helpful to have the community league compile the information they get and send it to the City as one package, so we then can respond to the feedback as a package.

It is up to you how/if you engage others in your community and provide information to the City by the deadline. The City will host an open house in spring 2016.



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

NEXT STEPS

Meeting	Phase	Timeline	Who's Invited?	Discussion/ Feedback	Feedback Deadline
#1	Concept	Approximately 18 months before construction	Community league executive	<p>Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline Neighbourhood Renewal process and timing. - Advise community league about decorative streetlight local improvement process and timelines. <p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community-led projects that may affect City investments in the neighbourhood. - Suggestions to improve pedestrian/cyclist access and overall livability. <p><i>Comments will be considered for preliminary design.</i></p>	2-3 months after the meeting (by December 15, 2015).
#2	Design	Approximately 12 months before construction	Residents, property owners	<p>Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline Neighbourhood Renewal process and timing. - Advise community about sidewalk and decorative streetlight local improvement process and timelines. - Share preliminary designs. <p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedestrian and cycling accessibility, traffic accessibility, and overall neighbourhood livability. - Input on preliminary designs. <p><i>Comments will be considered for final design.</i></p>	6 weeks after the meeting.
#3	Build	Approximately 3-6 months before construction	Residents, property owners	<p>Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final neighbourhood design and construction process. - Review local improvements and petition process. <p>Feedback:</p> <p><i>Comments are welcome. However, few changes can be made at this stage of the project.</i></p>	2 weeks after the meeting.

