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LAUDERDALE MEETING TWO MARCH 19, 2015 6:30-8:30 PM

The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Lauderdale beginning in spring 2016. 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 Lauderdale's livability.

The City held its first meeting with the community league executive on September 9, 2014. A second neighbourhood-wide meeting was held March 19, 2015. Lauderdale 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, Forestry, and Streetlighting were on hand to address residents' questions.

The following provides a general overview of comments and questions from the March 19, 2015 meeting.

CURBS

- *If me and my neighbours have a good sidewalk and say no, do the curbs still get replaced with the street?*

During the neighbourhood renewal process, the road grade is altered to improve drainage and ensure that runoff gets to the nearest catch basin. For that reason, the curb and gutter must also be replaced to match the asphalt of the road. Curb replacement will not result in extra charges to residents.

FENCE

- *Is there a chance of getting a fence along the south side of 129 ave (109-113 street) to protect pedestrians from dogs?*

This is outside the scope of this project. There is a review underway of all off-leash areas for dogs. Please connect with your community league and community recreation coordinator (CRC) for any development on the park space. To contact the Lauderdale CRC, please call 311.

FUNDING

- *You keep saying "The City will pay for...". The City doesn't pay for anything. Some things are just paid by us via taxes as opposed to directly.*

On average, the City invests about \$20 million in a neighbourhood reconstruction, not including underground utility work. The program is funded through a combination of:

- grants from the Provincial Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) (funded by provincial taxpayers);
- the Neighbourhood Renewal Program property tax levy (1.5% for 2015) (funded by municipal taxpayers); and
- sidewalk reconstruction and decorative streetlight local improvements (directly funded by neighbourhood residents).

For more information about funding, see

<http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/PDF/NeighbourhoodRenewalFactSheet.pdf>.



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MEETING AND PRESENTATION

- *Did not receive any information prior to the meeting. Apparently also same for others, came to meeting because of signs posted on street and notification in community league newsletter. Please add to mailing list.*
- *When I arrived a representative mentioned I had received the pamphlet in the mail. I didn't receive any information in the mail, so thank goodness I saw the sign mentioning the meeting.*

To inform residents of this public meeting, City staff did the following:

- hand delivered a flyer to residences in Lauderdale advising of the meeting details;
- advertised the meeting in the City of Edmonton's public engagement calendar (edmonton.ca/PublicInvolvementCalendar);
- distributed a public service announcement to the media;
- provided a newsletter article to the Lauderdale Community League;
- put up road signs; and
- updated Lauderdale's Building Great Neighbourhoods web pages with the meeting details (edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/lauderdale-neighbourhood-renewal.aspx).

The City doesn't maintain a mailing list for Lauderdale, but we encourage residents to check edmonton.ca/BuildingGreatNeighbourhoods regularly, since these web pages are updated with neighbourhood-specific information as soon as it's available.

- *No question period where everyone could hear the answers offered. Local survey not mentioned.*
- *I was not impressed that we could not ask questions after the meeting with the audience.*
- *The presentation was rushed. There were some questions that all would have benefited if they were answered by the presenters before ending the presentation. Some confusion remained about how the community league would gather and forward the feedback from the community to the city.*

The City of Edmonton has staff from various departments available to answer questions during the meeting. Previously, we have had Q&A sessions after the presentation and found that it only allows for a small number of questions from a few people. With a number of subject matter experts available, we have found that we can answer more individual questions and also address specific questions that residents and property owners may have.

PARK

- *How expensive to add small barbecues and a picnic shelter installed in the park?*

Please connect with your Community League and Community Recreation Coordinator (CRC) for any ideas for additions or development of park spaces. They will be able to assist you through the parkland change process. To contact the Lauderdale CRC, please call 311.

SEWER

- *I need to know if the City plans on making my alley and neighbourhood smell better. I cannot stand living with the smell everyday coming from the sewer. In this meeting I was told there would be no changes to my sewer therefore the smell will remain. I invite any City employee to come enjoy the smell in my yard, bring your kid too. Maybe then you will smell the need for a new sewer.*

The City's Drainage Operations crew visited this location, and flaps were installed in the main sewer in July 2014. No further complaints have been made since the flap was installed. If there is an odour issue in the future, please call 311



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to report it.

SIDEWALKS, SHARED USE PATHS AND BIKE LANES

- *Would like to see more trees, a few benches & lighting along bike path (shared as walking path) currently in neighbourhood.*
- *I'd like to have street lights along the walking path (SUP). In the early morning, it's kind of spooky when people are driving along behind you in the alley, and it's still dark.*

Thank you for your comments. We are currently reviewing the area to see if additional infrastructure can be added along the shared use path.

- *Fix the pathway on 108 street between 131A Ave and 132 Ave.*

The concrete pathway between 10819 132 Avenue and 10815 132 Avenue will be replaced as part of the Lauderdale Neighbourhood Renewal Program. The concrete pathway between 10325 132 Avenue and 10321 132 Avenue will be replaced as well.

- *Installing sidewalks on the south side of 132 ave would be greatly appreciated.*
- *It's very dark and dangerous off of 129th. There is a need for a sidewalk beside 132 Ave. It is dangerous to be walking on the service road.*
- *I walk the service road along 132 ave east of 107 street and find a sidewalk would not benefit at all.*

The City is currently reviewing the possibility of adding a sidewalk on the south side of 132 Avenue. Since there are no sidewalks on either side of the service road, pedestrians are forced to share the road with vehicles. This creates an unsafe environment for pedestrians and can be treacherous during the winter. Pedestrians with limited mobility would gain the most benefit from the new sidewalk, since it would provide them with a safe and accessible location to travel.

The existing landscaping and steep property grade needs to be considered and reviewed before a decision can be made. The City will be conducting site visits throughout the year and will present the decision at the next open house in early 2016. All property owners affected by proposed new sidewalks will be notified by mail.

- *Would like to get more information on the sidewalk cost, as we have a corner lot.*

Corner lots with sidewalk reconstruction planned for both the front and the side of their property (frontage and flankage) will be assessed the full length for their frontage (short side) and 15% of the length for their flankage (long side). Visit edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/sidewalk-reconstruction.aspx for more information.

- *New sidewalks not needed - minor repairs to bad sections ok, changing all of them not so much.*

Sidewalk reconstruction is subject to the approval of a Local Improvement Bylaw. When a neighbourhood is scheduled for reconstruction, sidewalk reconstruction is divided into project areas. Property owners receive a Local Improvement Notice in the mail prior to construction. Once the notice is issued, residents have 30 days to petition against the local improvement in their specific project area. However, a majority (51 per cent) of the affected property owners need to sign the petition in order to defeat the local improvement. In the program's history, only one project area has ever been defeated.



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Sidewalks provide the basic infrastructure to support pedestrians of all ages and abilities, which is particularly important in a winter city where conditions may make it impossible for pedestrians with strollers or mobility aids to walk on the road where sidewalks are lacking.

- *My understanding is that homes on the East side of 113A Street North of 129 Ave will be removed for LRT. Any improvements along 113A street would be wasteful. The cement sidewalk on the West side of 113 street between 129-130 ave is in good shape but needs raising in a few spots.*

113A Street is outside of the scope of work of the Lauderdale Neighbourhood Renewal Program. Sidewalks will not be replaced along 113A Street, and the road will not be repaved at this time. Residents can view the project scope map and more at http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/lauderdale-neighbourhood-renewal.aspx.

For information about the LRT, please visit edmonton.ca/LRTProjects.

- *I would like to receive more information regarding the sidewalk reconstruction. I was informed that the hedge that borders my entire front yard will be removed for this to be completed. This is very unacceptable, as we were earlier informed "The City values and preserves existing trees." We were informed there is zero compensation for this either.*

Property lines are set back approximately one to two metres from the back of sidewalk (this distance will vary throughout the neighbourhood). Landscaping in this area is not encouraged, since it is part of the City of Edmonton's road right-of-way and not part of a property owner's lawn. Landscaping may therefore be removed during construction.

However, the City makes every effort to restore landscaping features to their original condition. The amount of restoration past the back of the sidewalk depends on the grading of the property and the elevation of the replaced sidewalk. Site visits are done before construction begins to determine exactly how much restoration is required to ensure runoff flows away from the property and towards the road.

- *Bike lanes to encourage cycling.*

The City of Edmonton adopted an updated Bicycle Transportation Plan in 2009. The plan focuses on expanding Edmonton's bicycle route network, which includes construction of off-street facilities such as shared-use pathways, as well as implementing on-street facilities, such as bike lanes and shared-use lanes. The Bicycle Transportation Plan can be viewed at www.edmonton.ca/transportation/cycling_walking/bicycle-transportation-plan.aspx.

In Lauderdale, the long term conceptual bicycle network includes 132 Avenue, 127 Avenue and 113A Street. Connector routes are important to the connectivity and accessibility of the bicycle network. However, at this time, no bicycle infrastructure will be implemented in coordination with the Lauderdale Neighbourhood Renewal of 2016/2017.

City Council has directed Transportation to focus efforts in the core area of the city, and to make it easier for citizens to participate in decision-making processes. The only major bike routes that have dedicated funding in the current budget cycle (2015-2018) are the 83 Avenue corridor from 96 Street to 112 Street and the 102 Avenue corridor from 111 Street to 136 Street.

STREETLIGHTS

- *Changing streetlights not cost-effective-will never save enough energy for cost but if other factors really significant would grudgingly agree. Certainly don't need decorative lighting.*



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The City researched LED products and conducted pilot projects to determine if LED is a viable option for roadway lighting. Beginning in 2011, LED luminaires are now used on neighbourhood roadways. Benefits include:

- Power consumption savings. Net power savings for entire neighbourhood renewals can be 40-60 per cent, depending on the application. This may take into account road classification, width and spacing.
- Long-lasting fixtures. LED fixtures last 15-20 years: approximately four times longer than high-pressure sodium fixtures. This reduces maintenance costs. The City also insists that all LED manufacturers provide a 10-year warranty.
- Dark skies friendly. All LED fixtures are flat lens, full cut-off with zero per cent uplight.
- Reducing CO2 emissions. LED fixtures reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Minimizes light trespass. LEDs are more directional than HPS, so light is better designed to light the roadway, not private property, and therefore further minimize light trespass onto private property.

For more information, visit http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/PDF/Streetlight_Installation_FAQ.pdf.

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% of all property owners in a given neighbourhood need to support the local improvement in order for it to be applied. Find more information here: edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/decorative-lighting.aspx.

- *132 ave - Would you pay if not on street with lights?*

If the City replaces the streetlights with standard galvanized poles, the City pays for the entire cost.

If the community chooses to go with a decorative street light pole, then all property owners in the neighbourhood are responsible for paying the incremental difference between the decorative streetlight and the standard galvanized streetlight. If your neighbourhood's expression of interest is successful, then information about this local improvement will be mailed out prior to the next open house. Find more information here: edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/decorative-lighting.aspx.

- *Better lighting around parks.*

Streetlights will be upgraded to LED lights along roadways. For lighting changes in parks, please contact your neighbourhood community recreation coordinator (CRC) by calling 311.

- *We found it a bit misleading when it was announced that the community league would be the contact for the street light organization. As a board member I was not prepared for this.*

The local improvement process for decorative streetlights is initiated by the community, usually through the creation of a Decorative Street Lighting Committee (DSCL). City staff shared this with the community league during our meeting with the executive on September 9, 2014. Please see our web page for details from this meeting: http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/lauderdale-project-history.aspx.

The DSCL will work with residents to choose a streetlight style. The DSCL then submits its choice to the City by July 1, after which the City prepares an expression of interest (EOI) for September 1. The community must then get 51 per



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cent signed support from property owners for the local improvement to pass. If it passes, the local improvement will be undertaken in the neighbourhood and the cost above regular galvanized streetlight replacement will be paid by property owners. More information on this process can be found on our website, at http://edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/decorative-lighting.aspx.

