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LAUDERDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Barry Billett, *President*

Linda Aronyk	Martin Husieff
Blaine Barber	Tara Langan
Linda Billett	Karron Martin
Carolyn Christensen	Christina Murray-Hoffmeier
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ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Steve Aguiar, Transportation Operations
Cathy Dytiuk, Great Neighbourhoods
Bev Esslinger, Councillor (Ward 2)
Donna Harasem, CRC
Janice Scott, Drainage Services
Tony Sestito, Neighbourhood Renewal
Jeff Ward, Neighbourhood Renewal

The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Lauderdale 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 2016. 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 Lauderdale.
- 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: If you haven't heard from residents by the July 2, 2015 deadline, does the City install standard lights?

City: Yes. Decorative streetlights are a property owner initiated local improvement, meaning that property owners must provide the City with one decorative streetlight option for the entire neighbourhood by July 2, 2015 in order for the City to prepare a decorative streetlight Expression of Interest. To learn more go to www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements

League: Are lights allowed to be adjusted if they are shining in people's windows or intruding on our property?

City: The LED lights installed by the City are less intrusive and are designed to focus light onto the roadway, providing less light trespass onto private property. The LED lights also provide zero uplight, making them dark skies friendly.

City: Does the community league have or know of any projects or initiatives in the community scheduled for the same time as neighbourhood reconstruction?

League: A new dog park was discussed for Onion Park; however it was put on hold due to further design work on the Metro Line LRT extension to St. Albert.

There were also plans for a parking lot on the east side of Grand Trunk Park but the community is not interested due to the Metro Line LRT extension.

League: There is a major sinkhole at 108 Street and 130 Avenue where a manhole was installed. There is a home in the neighbourhood that is now backed up.

City: We will request a drainage report and have drainage maps available at our next open house for residents to discuss issues and learn more about drainage neighbourhood renewal.



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League: Is it possible to fence in the Onion Park dog park? Dogs tend to run out.

City: Currently the City does not fence dog parks; however the policy is currently under review.

League: There is a missing sidewalk on the north side of 128 Avenue and 97 Street by Kingsway Toyota. Many seniors get off the bus there.

City: Thank you for the suggestion. We will take this into consideration when preparing the initial concept design for Lauderdale.

League: We are concerned about possible traffic shortcutting when the Metro LRT extension goes on 113A Street. There is already a lot of traffic on 107 Street.

City: When the City met with local communities during concept planning for the Metro LRT line extension, residents expressed a desire to maintain local traffic while discouraging shortcutting. Once the LRT is constructed, 113A Street and 127 Ave will be two lanes, which will encourage drivers to use 97 Street or 127 Street arterials. There is currently no budget or timeline for construction of the Metro LRT extension to St. Albert.

League: We have drainage catch basins at the ends of streets, but ponding happens in the middle. How will the City address this?

City: Most roadway drainage issues will be fixed by road reconstruction, as the roads and gutters will be properly graded to direct water to the appropriate catch basins.

League: Are back alleys included in Neighbourhood Renewal?

City: No, the City does not have an alley renewal program. Alley maintenance, which includes pothole and patch repairs, is available to preserve existing alleys. Property owners may petition for an alley local improvement using the local improvement process. The

cost of alley renewal is covered 100% by property owners. More information is available at www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements

League: The waterline was done years ago and it's a mess. Will the City fix this?

City: Waterlines are the responsibility of utility companies. Usually utilities go in to do their work in the neighbourhood prior to road reconstruction. The City coordinates work with utilities and encourages them to complete their work prior to road reconstruction.

As for repaving over the waterline, road reconstruction will address drainage on roads within the project limits.

League: Are alley tie-ins part of the Neighbourhood Renewal program?

City: Yes, the City will ensure positive drainage from the alleys towards catch basins.

League: If the Neighbourhood Renewal tax levy is 1.5% and the residents have to pay for 50% of sidewalks, why can't the levy be higher to cover the whole cost? Where have our taxes been going since the 60s? Couldn't the City increase taxes by a percentage to cover costs and get rid of local improvements?

City: The current tax levy provides stable, ongoing funding based on finding balance between funding needs and tax rates. The current levy was decided by Council in 2013 and there are currently no plans to increase this tax rate. The local improvement for sidewalks program was adopted in 1997.

As it currently stands, sidewalk renewal is a local improvement considered of greater benefit to area residents than to the municipality. As such, property owners are required to pay half the cost. Property owners may petition against the sidewalk renewal. If the petition is successful, the City will perform maintenance only to ensure the sidewalk is safe.

League: How can we find out who owns each property to get 51% signed support for decorative streetlights?



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City: While the City cannot give out names/contact info, we do provide all the addresses, tax roll and legal lot and block information for all properties on the Expression of Interest (EOI) for decorative street lighting. The number of signatures required for each property is included with the EOI.

League: For years it was promised that the walks along 129 Avenue from 107 Street to 109 Street would be redone, as they are in terrible shape. Will they be redone?

City: Lauderdale reconstruction is part of a long-term Neighbourhood Renewal contract that has Council support behind it. The work will be included as part of reconstruction in 2016-17.

League: Are there any neighbourhoods nearby that we can visit to see the work that was done?

City: Yes. You can see completed neighbourhoods nearby in Sherbrooke and Woodcroft. As well, Rosslyn neighbourhood reconstruction will begin in 2015.

League: What is the basic cost for local improvements like sidewalk renewal?

City: Sidewalk reconstruction costs depend on the lot frontage. For a typical 15.24 m (50 ft.) lot, it would cost the property owner a one-time payment of \$3,021.79, or about \$235.31/year if amortized over 20 years. The local improvement stays with the property, meaning that if you move the remaining cost of the local improvement becomes the responsibility of the new owner. More information is available at www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements

League: How does the City notify the community about the next neighbourhood-wide meeting?

City: We will provide the community league with information for your newsletter and website, in addition to sending a mailout to every home in the neighbourhood, putting up street signs, and publishing information on the Building Great Neighbourhoods website.