

# PRINCE CHARLES NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

#### ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Kelly Siroski (Secretary)
Cindy Schriner (Communications)
Lise Caouette (Communications Committee)
Ed Babiak (Treasurer)
Ron Jacob (Past President)
Kathy Jacob (Former Social Chair)
Linda Pollard
Tracy Pollard
Ruth Slivinski
Gordon Slivinski

#### ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Cathy Dytiuk, Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program Tony Sestito, Neighbourhood Renewal Program Janice Scott, Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal Program Brenda Dola, Community Traffic Management Plan Savannah Westgarde, Community Recreation Coordinator Beth Padfield, Communications

The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Prince Charles Community League to share the City's plans to renew and replace sanitary and storm sewers; reconstruct roads, curbs, gutters and sidewalks on City-owned property; and replace streetlights, starting in 2018.

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 and comments received from the league after the meeting:

League: Is the drainage being built to deal with increased load from infill in the neighbourhood?

**City:** For smaller infill developments such as new houses or duplexes, the increased sanitary flow is minimal and can be handled by the existing sewer system.

For large infill developments such as high-rises and condos, the developer is required to evaluate the capacity in the sewers and is responsible for upgrading the system to support their new buildings if necessary.

Please refer to the City's infill website for more information: http://www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/



http://www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/community/infrastructure/drainage.

**League:** We would have liked to not have drainage work done at the same time as 127 Street. It has been very difficult to get in and out the neighbourhood.

**City:** We apologize for the inconvenience. We know construction can be very frustrating and we appreciate your patience.

League: Is the cost of sidewalk reconstruction shared evenly by the whole neighbourhood?

**City:** No, sidewalk renewal is cost-shared 50-50 between the City at large and property owners. Each property owner pays 50% of the cost of the sidewalk renewal based on their lot length assessment. Note, there is no cost to property owners for brand new sidewalks that may be added to the neighbourhood as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal process. For more information, please see edmonton.ca/sidewalkreconstruction

League: There are many group homes in the neighbourhood, how do they pay for sidewalk renewal?

City: The property owner pays 50% of the cost of the sidewalk renewal based on their lot length assessment.

League: Are these the only options for decorative streetlights? Why aren't the Glenora light standards an option?

City: Yes, the decorative streetlight options presented in the Building Great Neighbourhoods Handbook and online at edmonton.ca/decorativestreetlights are the only options. The Glenora styled heritage streetlights have only been installed in neighbourhoods at the direction of City Council. These streetlights are an exception to the Building Great Neighbourhoods decorative streetlight options. The decorative streetlight options provided through Neighbourhood Renewal are based on a variety of factors and are standardized to better manage costs associated with inventory control, maintenance and sustainability.

League: Are meeting notices sent to registered property owners? We have a lot of renters.

**City:** Typically, notices of meeting two are delivered directly to all properties in the neighbourhood. For meeting three, notices are mailed to registered property owners. We ask that residents inform the property owners and that property owners inform their renters. For both meetings, the community league will be notified in order to put the information on its website and in the community newsletter or on any other communication channel they may wish. The City will also place street signs and distribute information via our website, social media channels and a media announcement.

**League:** We will be having our annual general meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. There may be a new leadership executive as a result of that meeting. This executive would be the one to deal with Building Great Neighbourhoods and Neighbourhood Renewal in the future.

City: Thank you for letting us know. Feedback for this stage of neighbourhood renewal is accepted from the community league until December 15, 2016. Feedback and comments may be provided by calling 311 or emailing buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca. Feedback may continue to be submitted after December 15, 2016, but may not be able to be incorporated into this document or for the next Prince Charles neighbourhood renewal meeting.



**League:** When does the construction contract for Prince Charles neighbourhood renewal go to RFP (request for proposal)?

City: The contract will be tendered in the winter of 2017/2018, before meeting three.

**League:** Lighting in the neighbourhood seems very dark and unsafe, especially around the park. Will new lighting address that?

**City:** Yes. All streetlights will be replaced with LED lights. As well, EPCOR will look at the lighting levels throughout the neighbourhood to make sure they provide safe illumination.

League: For the alley paving local improvement, could one person prevent it by being a "hold out?"

City: No. As with other local improvements, the alley reconstruction local improvement requires a majority, 50% +1, of the property owners to agree. For more information on alley renewal and the alley reconstruction local improvement option, please see https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on\_your\_streets/alley-renewal.aspx

Please note alley renewal is not part of neighbourhood renewal. There is one exception to this in Prince Charles. The paved alley between 122 Street and 121 Street, from 122 Avenue to 119 Avenue, will be reconstructed as part of neighbourhood renewal in Prince Charles. This exception is being made as it is the only right-of-way access for adjacent properties.

**League:** There are a few alleys with drainage issues. The whole alley doesn't need to be reconstructed; there are just a couple places that need maintenance.

City: To report areas that require maintenance please call 311.

League: What will be the hours of construction? We are concerned about late night construction noise.

City: The exact hours depend on the contractor, but they usually work 11 to 12 hours a day. They shouldn't be working past 10 p.m. There is a very large amount of work that needs to happen as part of neighbourhood renewal. We know it can be frustrating to live through and we appreciate your patience while it is happening.

**League:** 121A Street is not a laneway. It is a road that services a commercial area. It should be treated the same way as any other road in the neighbourhood.

**City:** Thank you for bringing this location to our attention. We will evaluate it along with the rest of the neighbourhood as we develop the preliminary design for the neighbourhood renewal.

**League:** The community league has an initiative to identify points that are historical and/or of interest throughout the neighbourhood. We are planning to put pedestals with information on a pad with a bench at these locations. We are working with Sustainable Development at the City on this initiative.

**City:** Thank you for letting us know. The project team will contact Sustainable Development to discuss possible ways to coordinate this initiative with neighbourhood renewal.



**League:** We have developed a Prince Charles logo and possibly want to put it on banners to brand and mark the boundaries of the neighbourhood. We would want to put these banners on light poles. Can we have light poles installed in the neighbourhood that will allow us to hang banners from them in the future?

**City:** All neighbourhood banners are community initiated and community paid for. We will explore whether the standard pole is able to support banners or if an upgrade is required. An alternative or additional option to the banners may be decorative street address blades. Decorative street address blades are an option if the decorative streetlight local improvement is successful. For more information on the decorative streetlights local improvement and street address blades, please see edmonton.ca/decorativestreetlights

**League:** We will be launching abundant communities in Prince Charles. Can abundant communities and neighbourhood renewal coordinate to explain them together to residents?

City: We have standard information and communications materials that can be used to help explain the programs to residents. The Building Great Neighbourhoods Handbook is available online at https://www.edmonton.ca/residential\_neighbourhoods/documents/2016\_BGN-Handbook.pdf. You may also request hard copies of the handbook by emailing buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca. Your Community Recreation Coordinator can help with information relating to abundant communities.

**League:** 123 Street, 126 Street and 125 Street north of 118 Avenue are supposed to be angle parking. We have spoken with Traffic Control at the City and they are supposed to be looking into getting the streets stripped and signed.

City: Thank you for bringing these locations to our attention.

**League:** Some of the curb extensions in the neighbourhood that are part of the Community Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) aren't working.

City: Thank you for letting us know. An open house for CTMP was held in Prince Charles in November 2016. A report summarizing the results of the Prince Charles CTMP trial will be presented to the Urban Planning Committee of City Council on March 23, 2017. This report will help advise City Councillors in their decision on whether the traffic measures will be made permanent. If there are further concerns, please contact 311.

**League:** We want to put power in the gazebo and add a drinking fountain. If the community league pays for it, would it be better or a lower cost to do it as part of neighbourhood renewal? The concept plan has already been approved by the City.

**City:** The cost would not be impacted. The work should be coordinated with the utilities and the neighbourhood renewal contractor to make sure they all have access when required.

**League:** There are some safety issues in the parks. We have been finding more sharps.

City: Please talk with your Community Recreation Coordinator about this.

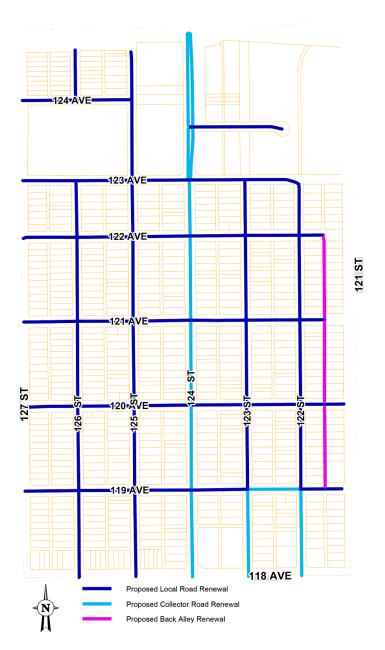
League: How does this project interact with the BRZ (Business Revitalization Zone)?



**City:** Neighbourhood renewal does not include arterial roads and is focused on local roads within the neighbourhood. We would work with the BRZ to help coordinate meetings with businesses if needed. However, since the BRZ is on the arterial roadway, it is doubtful this will be needed in Prince Charles.

League: What is the project scope in Prince Charles?

City: Please refer to the below project scope map.







League: There are some avenues in the neighbourhood that do not have sidewalks on either side of the road.

**City:** We will evaluate the entire neighbourhood for any missing sidewalk links. It is also helpful if you can provide us with information on any specific locations you are aware of. Please send location information to buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca

League: Can the cycle path be extended into Prince Charles?

City: The City will evaluate this possibility.

League: There are certain locations that should have the yield signs changed to stop signs.

City: Please send the specific locations to buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca so we can evaluate them.

**League:** There was a water main break in 121A Street. When it was repaired, we were told the whole thing needed to be ripped up and replaced.

**City:** Water mains are part of EPCOR's infrastructure. If a pipe needs to be replaced due to a water main break, EPCOR would handle that work.

**League:** Add a walking path south of the Yellowhead sound barrier.

City: Thank you for your feedback. The City will evaluate this suggestion.

**League:** How is the actual construction handled in areas of the neighbourhood, i.e. 124 Ave/126 St, with only one way in/out? All at once or in stages? - garbage collection in same area.

City: Construction will be staged throughout the neighbourhood. Prior to construction, the City will distribute construction bulletins giving residents 7-10 days notice before the start of construction next to their property. For 48 hours before construction, there will be no parking on the street. During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times under flagperson control. No parking will be permitted in signed areas. Access to businesses, residences and alleys will be maintained, where possible, at all times. Emergency access will be maintained at all times. All residents are asked to access their homes through the alleys if possible, for the majority of use during construction. If you have special access requirements, such as DATS, please advise the construction project manager for your neighbourhood.



#### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Meeting	Phase	Timeline	Who's Invited?	Discussion/ Feedback	Feedback Deadline
#1	Concept	Approximately 18 months before construction	Community league executive	Sharing: - Outline Neighbourhood Renewal process and timing Advise community league about decorative streetlight local improvement process and timelines.  Feedback: - Community-led projects that may affect City investments in the neighbourhood Suggestions to improve pedestrian/cyclist access and overall livability.  Comments will be considered for preliminary design.	2-3 months after the meeting (by December 15, 2016).
#2	Design	Approximately 12 months before construction	Residents, property owners	Sharing: - Outline Neighbourhood Renewal process and timing Advise community about sidewalk and decorative streetlight local improvement process and timelines Share preliminary designs.  Feedback: - Pedestrian and cycling accessibility, traffic accessibility, and overall neighbourhood livability Input on preliminary designs.  Comments will be considered for final design.	6 weeks after the meeting.
#3	Build	Approximately 3-6 months before construction	Residents, property owners	Sharing: - Final neighbourhood design and construction process Review local improvements and petition process.  Feedback: Comments are welcome. Few changes can be made at this stage of the project.	2 weeks after the meeting.