## QUEEN MARY PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING ONE WITH COMMUNITY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE OCTOBER 23, 2014

### ATTENDING FROM THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Randy Shuttleworth, *President*    Derrick Forsythe
Deanne Beis                        Sandra Maygard
Lisa Budney                        Jill Murrin
Sean Douglas                       Dean Wrobel

### ATTENDING FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Cathy Dytiuk, Great Neighbourhoods
Kelly FitzGibbon, Communications
Dale Lehman, Neighbourhood Renewal
Heather O'Hearn, CRC

The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the Queen Mary Park 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 Queen Mary Park.
- 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:** How do you get information on decorative streetlights to the entire community?

**City:** There are various ways for the community to get property owner buy-in for decorative streetlights. Other neighbourhoods have had volunteers go door-to-door or hosted a community event. If the decorative street lighting committee or community league wishes to host a table at the next neighbourhood meeting, please let us know and we may accommodate you.

**League**: What curb crossings would not have curb ramps installed?

**City**: It is very rare that a curb ramp would not be installed at a curb crossing as part of Neighbourhood Renewal. For example, we would not install them at mid-block crossings unless it was a crossing to a school or business area. The other example would be in areas where there are no sidewalks.

**League:** How is the City aligning Neighbourhood Renewal in Queen Mary Park with the 105 Avenue Streetscape project?

**City**: Neighbourhood Renewal and the 105 Avenue streetscape project are distinct projects with different funding and timelines. However the City's planning and design groups are in discussion to assess how intersections and transition areas between 105 Avenue and local neighbourhood roadways will fit together. Currently only utility and drainage work is happening along 105 Avenue. More information on the 105 Avenue project is available at www.edmonton.ca/roadplans

**League**: Is 105 Avenue a collector road?

**City:** 105 Avenue is being transformed to give it a more local roadway look and feel; however the streetscape work will not be done with Queen Mary Park local roads, as it is being undertaken as a stand-alone project.

**City**: Does the community league know of any local projects or initiatives currently underway that may align with or affect Neighbourhood Renewal opportunities?

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**League**: Please have a look at our parks plan, which has been a multi-year effort at a cost of approximately $1.5 million. Our parks committee wants to revitalize five neighbourhood parks, including goat trails. Is there an opportunity for City investment?

**City**: Please have your community recreation coordinator share your parks plans and we can review it to see if any improvements may fit within Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program funding.

**League**: There is also capital revitalization of the Queen Mary Park area planned for 107 Avenue and 105 Avenue.

**City**: Streetscape work and arterial improvements are done by Arterial Roadways in Transportation Services, which is a separate program from Neighbourhood Renewal. However our group will work with them to ensure a coordinated approach.

**League**: The nearby Prince Rupert neighbourhood has an issue with flooding. We have a similar issue with basement flooding.

**City**: Drainage work in Prince Rupert deals with drainage capacity. Queen Mary Park has been identified as an area that is sensitive to flooding and is being studied along with several other neighbourhoods to identify potential solutions. This study should be completed in spring 2015. A priority implementation schedule will then be determined. In the meantime, Drainage Services is renewing existing infrastructure.

**League**: How do you make priorities for drainage?

**City**: Please bring us a list with areas of concern. However, Neighbourhood Renewal does address surface drainage on the roadways to catch basins. Flooding on a property is the responsibility of the individual property owner. Contact 311 for an inspection.

**League**: Could you look at the area south of 111 Avenue? There is a big empty green space with alleys running through it. It could be a park but is bisected by two roads.

**City**: Please submit the exact location and we can look at it. The City park planner has discussed various options with Transportation Services. We can do an internal assessment.

**League**: The multi-use trail corridor along 121 Street has no lights and no mid-trail accesses other than at major road crossings.

**City**: This issue also came up in discussions with Westmount. Access points have been identified.

**League**: Could there be a mountable curb or curb ramp to access the green space located at 109 Avenue and 118 Street in front of Holland Plaza?

**City**: Typically we do not encourage mid-block crossings, but if there is an opportunity to create an appropriate pedestrian access we can investigate it.

**League**: Does Neighbourhood Renewal include neighbourhood signs?

**City**: There is a program through Parks to have park signs installed. Neighbourhood road signs are dependent on approval from road right-of-way. Please work with your community recreation coordinator.

**League**: What's the difference between arterial roads and local roads?

**City**: Arterial roads serve as major transportation routes between different areas of the City. A local road serves residents and businesses within a neighbourhood.

**League**: We're concerned that with the Blatchford redevelopment, 119 Street to Airport Road will get busier. How is this going to work with Neighbourhood Renewal?

**City**: Neighbourhood Renewal will be completed years before work is done in Blatchford. Blatchford Redevelopment is being planned between various City departments, including Transportation Services, to ensure proper coordination.

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