



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

QUEEN MARY PARK MEETING TWO MARCH 31, 2015 6:30-8:30 PM

The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Queen Mary Park 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 Queen Mary Park's livability.

The City held its first meeting with the community league executive on October 23, 2014. A second neighbourhood-wide meeting was held March 31, 2015. A final pre-construction meeting will be scheduled in late 2015 or early 2016.

Queen Mary Park 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 and Forestry were on hand to address residents' questions.

The following provides a general overview of comments and questions from the meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL

- *In your presentation 117 st was listed as an arterial road. Will there be new sidewalks and a new roadway on 117 street?*
- *Can't believe you are not considering redoing/paving the 55 year old sidewalk & curb area on 108 ave to 109 ave on east side of 117 street. Sidewalk used by strollers & children to access large playground at QMP comm leisure. Also right by senior apts. Sidewalk dips, pools with water & ice. I have seen many falls! All sidewalk is unsafe for citizens using it. This is a one-way traffic street (117 street north).*
- *We also need to slow traffic coming from Rosario's downtown. Need playground, slowdown sign on 108 Ave & 117 Street.*

117 Street from 106 Avenue to 108 Avenue, 108 Avenue from 116 Street West to 119 Street and 111 Avenue from 101 Street West to the Transportation Utility Corridor are arterial roadways as defined by the City of Edmonton Bylaw 15101, and therefore cannot be included in the scope of the Queen Mary Park Neighbourhood Renewal project. The Neighbourhood Renewal Program is limited to the rehabilitation of local and collector roads. However, 117 Street from 108 Avenue to 111 Avenue is a local roadway and is included in the neighbourhood renewal project. This includes the sidewalk along the east side of the street near the Community League Hall.

The Arterial Roadways group of the Transportation department has coordinated the rehabilitation of 106 Avenue from 109 Street to 117 Street with the Queen Mary Park Neighbourhood Renewal. It has been scheduled for 2018 in order to accommodate the Queen Mary Park construction, as it may serve as one of the routes for contractors to use to haul material for work that will be done south of 106 Avenue.



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DRAINAGE

- *Prior to the major sewer work on 107 ave & 116 street, 108 ave & 116 street, properties in my area of QMP hadn't experienced flooding into basements in 30+ years. My area on 109 ave 117 street and countless long-time residents had basement flooding for the first time in summer 2013 after this supposed sewer upgrade. Properties that had never flooded in decades were ruined. Many of us believe the sewer work was to blame and is insufficient. How can I find out if this is the case. It is just too much of a coincidence.*

The City of Edmonton's Local Sewer Rehabilitation Program rehabilitated a sewer pipe at 115 Street from 109A Avenue to 109 Avenue in 2012, but otherwise has not upgraded sewers in this area. The City does not have records of sewer work on 107 Avenue and 116 Street. For more information, please contact Drainage Services at http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/city_organization/drainage-services.aspx.

Drainage Services is currently investigating how to address flooding issues in mature neighbourhoods. Please call 311 for immediate assistance if you have any issues related to sewers or flooding.

DECORATIVE LIGHTING

- *The costs of the streetlights were excluded from the presentation. How much are the decorative lights?*

The exact costs of the decorative streetlights are subject to the type and style the community's decorative street lighting committee chooses. If the Queen Mary Park decorative street lighting committee demonstrates that the majority of the neighbourhood supports the additional cost to upgrade to decorative street lighting by means of an expression of interest, the City will notify all affected property owners. In addition, these costs will be explained in detail during the next community meeting in late 2015 or early 2016.

PARKING

- *Presentation was very good! One concern I have that parking on both sides of the street on 110 street may be proposed. Traffic from 111 ave to the apartments to the south & St. Joe's can be quite congested during all times of the day and weekends. When 110 St becomes 2 T-intersections with yield signs I can only anticipate heavier congestion since only one car at a time can proceed.*
- *Will parking on 113 street ever be restricted to one side of the road?*
- *Will there be continued parking on 110 street on both sides and going on 110 ave to 109 street? This is absolutely a bottleneck. There will be some major fights. Why is it this area from 109 street down 110 ave along 110 there is never any maintenance of any kind. Why is there no mention of a 113 ave to 115 street - that it will be done and repaired once and for all. Is the road around the park, down to 110 st-110 ave going to be opened to the speedsters on the roads. What is the empty flyover area along 113 going to be used. STOP the parking on both sides of 110 street & 110 ave.*
- *Yes, 110 ave & 110 street you want to free-flow traffic and narrow the roadway. What has been great concern for many homeowners is the parking that lines both sides of our streets!! In the summer, it is difficult enough to navigate, let alone when you make it free-flow which will suffice the speeders through this difficult area. Those persons who have been parking on our streets the last 3 years are persons who refuse to pay for parking!! In the winter months, it is barely ever graded leaving mounds of snow on both sides of our streets making it very difficult for homeowners to navigate to their garages. Residents in this area have put up with this and the swearing at elderly people who are just trying to get to their homes.*



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- *116 St between 111 Ave and 107 Ave is a very important road as many of us use it to access our neighbourhood. One suggestion would be to limit parking to only one side of the street as in the winter (seems to be a bigger problem in the winter when snow accumulates) as there is not enough room for two way traffic when cars are parked on both sides. This a safety hazard. Often to get around a parked car you need to cross the yellow line in order to do so. This is a KEY route for many of us so I do not want to force traffic off of the road, rather make it safer for the existing traffic.*

The community league may request a Transportation Operations review for any parking concerns. Specific locations can be reviewed independently of any major neighbourhood review by Parking Management. Please email them at transportationoperations@edmonton.ca.

116 STREET CURB EXTENSIONS

- *Not happy about the suggestion of removing plants from traffic calming curb on 109 ave & 116 street. More greenery - not less...please!*
- *Traffic bulbs at 116 St and 110 Ave (and other areas) - landscaping needs to be changed as the mulch quickly ages and gets messy looking very quickly. Either rock or pavement would be a cleaner look in the long run.*

Thank you for your suggestions. We are working with the community league and Roadways Maintenance to enhance these areas.

111 AVENUE SIDEWALK

- *Disagree with moving the sidewalk on 111 ave. Problems with destruction of mature trees. Area residents do not use this sidewalk. Allows general public closer access to private property thereby increasing the possibility of crime i.e. last year 20 cars broken into when people forced to park in back alley due to utility moves.*
- *We live on 111 ave & 113 street so our service road will be moved and sidewalk. We found the meeting helpful. Thanks!*

With the Queen Mary Park Neighbourhood Renewal, the City has the opportunity to relocate the sidewalk from the median side of the 111 Avenue service road to the residential (south) side of the service road. This proposal supports both the City of Edmonton's Complete Streets guidelines and Active Transportation Policy.

In order to accommodate existing landscaping features and trees, the service road will be shifted slightly to the north by 0.9m and the sidewalk will be constructed at a 1.2m width. This results in an impact to the existing landscaping approximately 0.3m behind the existing back of curb. Ultimately, the relocation of the sidewalk will:

- create more separation between pedestrians and traffic (111 Avenue is also a truck route);
- provide a hard surface for residents and visitors to use in winter to access the residences; and
- promote accessibility and walkability within the neighbourhood.

Impacts to existing landscaping will be evaluated during the summer of 2015. Any major impacts or changes will be identified at the third meeting, to be held in late 2015 or early 2016.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD LIVABILITY

- *In addition to possible changes to the parkland between 110 ave & 110A ave and west of 111 street, consider closing the alley south of Valour place running E-W.*

The alley directly south of Valour Place is outside the scope of the work of the Neighbourhood Renewal Program and is not being reconstructed in 2016 or 2017. The alley is designated road right of way and services adjacent properties. The alley has not been declared surplus by the City, and there is no City funding source available for a closure in this location. The wooden poles located in the alley are owned by EPCOR Distribution and Transmission and may have additional utilities attached to the poles servicing adjacent properties (i.e. Shaw, Telus, etc.). Burying overhead lines or relocating utilities in alleys is also outside the scope of the City's programs. If Valour Place wishes to pursue and fund a road closure on their own, they must follow the City's road closure process.

- *Removal of fountain in green space 110 street @ 110 ave (park).*

Please work with your community league and community recreation coordinator to discuss and plan for future park uses. To contact your community recreation coordinator, please call 311.

- *I like the Queen Mary Park improvements. The bike lane through the dog park and removing the lane and splitting it in 2 parts.*
- *I would like an assessment of the proposed shared path that goes through the park area along 118 Street to see if it should be a lit path. It gets very dark in that wide expanse of parkland and I fear it may be a safety issue if lighting is not included.*

Thank you for your comments and suggestions. As part of the preliminary design of the new multi-use trail, calculations are performed in order to ensure lighting levels meet the Transportation Association of Canada's guidelines. At the conceptual design phase, we've anticipated that pedestrian-level lighting may be required to provide adequate lighting levels to the area. The final designs will be shown at the open house late 2015 or early 2016.

- *St Albert Trail and 137 ave west of 127 street have trees and plantings that soften the roadway and calm the traffic. Are there any plans to do this on 111 ave?*

With the opportunity to relocate the 111 Avenue service road sidewalk from the median side to the residential (south) side of the service road, this may allow for the creation of a median wide enough to support the planting of trees. However, plantings are dependent on potential conflicts with existing utilities and available City funding. The City is currently investigating the feasibility of this proposal.



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INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT

- *It's great that they are redesigning 110A Ave @ 110 Street to remove the islands and making T intersections.*
- *Nice they're (City of Edmonton) adding a sidewalk on Qn. Mary Park side of our avenue. I applaud the realignment of 110 ave around Queen Mary Park- much safer. Especially safe for schools/students/pedestrians.*

Thank you. As mentioned during the meeting, the City is proposing to reconfigure both intersections at 110 Street and 110 Avenue to improve safety throughout the intersections. These modifications were also originally identified in the Queen Mary Park Neighbourhood Traffic Plan (1998) to address speeding concerns around St. Catherine School.

These are non-standard Y-intersections and are quite wide. We are proposing to realign the intersections to T-intersections to improve vehicle sightlines from all directions, reduce pedestrian crossing distances, reduce the number of potential turning conflicts and reduce the speed of turning vehicles.

MEETING/PRESENTATION

- *Very happy to see improvements. Neighborhood will be great upon completion!*
- *Putting in sidewalk where there isn't any is great.*
- *Cost efficient lights - great.*
- *Just do it!*

Thank you. Please keep an eye out for notifications for the final meeting in either late 2015 or early 2016.