

City Council Approves Construction of Footbridge and Trail Improvements at Terwillegar Park

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Project delivers on the Terwillegar Park Concept Plan, developed in consultation with the community



City Council took another step towards creating a continuous river valley trail system, after voting 11-1 on July 17, 2013 to approve construction of a 280m footbridge at Terwillegar Park. The footbridge will be a ‘stressed ribbon’ design – the first bridge of this design in Edmonton. Its unique, minimalist profile will provide a striking crossing of the North Saskatchewan River.

As part of the project, 5km of trails will be upgraded or developed, which will connect the trail system in Terwillegar Park south to the Anthony Henday Bridge and north to the Fort Edmonton Bridge. These trails are a further step towards creating a continuous trail system in Edmonton’s river valley.

The City of Edmonton’s Director of Strategic Projects, Rob Marchak was pleased the project received approval, “We are thrilled that construction on the improvements in Terwillegar Park can begin.” He said, “This work will increase opportunities for Edmontonians to enjoy one of our city’s greatest assets; the North Saskatchewan River valley.”

Initially proposed in the Terwillegar Park Concept Plan Study, which took place in consultation with the community between 2007 and 2009, the footbridge and trails are budgeted to cost \$28 million.

The footbridge and trail improvements are part of the River Valley Access Project, \$72.9 million City of Edmonton initiative that will improve public access to the North Saskatchewan River and river valley. The project is made possible by grants from the River Valley Alliance, an organization of seven municipalities, including Edmonton, and both the federal and provincial governments and breaks down as follows:

- \$24.3 million from the River Valley Alliance
- \$22.635 million from the Government of Alberta’s Municipal Sustainability Initiative
- \$24.3 million from the Federal government’s Build Canada Fund
- \$1.265 million from the City of Edmonton’s general finances
- \$400,000 from the City of Edmonton’s parkland reserves

The projects, all in various stages of development, are expected to be complete by 2016. For more information, go to: [River Valley Alliance Projects](#).

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