

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS & WESTMOUNT COMPLETE STREETS PILOT PROJECT

Public Involvement

Building Great Neighbourhoods is the framework that coordinates the efforts of three City of Edmonton programs - Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal, Neighbourhood Renewal and the Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program - to renew and replace infrastructure, and enhance livability in Edmonton neighbourhoods.

Your neighbourhood has been chosen for reconstruction. This means the City plans to:

- Renew and replace sewers.
- Coordinate utility repairs (EPCOR, ATCO).
- Reconstruct roads, curbs and sidewalks on City-owned property and replace streetlights.
- Work with residents to identify improvements to pedestrian and cycling accessibility.
- Consult with residents to identify capital improvements on City-owned property that will enhance livability.



Westmount has been chosen as a Complete Streets Pilot Project location. This Transportation Planning initiative seeks to improve roadway design in a way that better reflects an area's characteristics and the needs of all its users.

Building Great Neighbourhoods (BGN) and the Complete Streets Pilot project follow the City's standard five-phase public involvement model.



During the **Strategy** phase, the City observes and evaluates neighbourhood infrastructure (e.g. sewers, roads and sidewalks) across Edmonton, in part to identify neighbourhoods that require reconstruction and align other initiatives (e.g. parks, cycling opportunities, traffic access, etc.). Priority neighbourhoods are selected and scheduled based on various factors including budget, maintenance history, coordination with other infrastructure works (e.g. EPCOR and ATCO utilities) and review of detailed condition assessments.



During the **Concept** phase, members of the BGN team (Financial Services & Utilities, Transportation Services, Great Neighbourhoods, Complete Streets) meet with neighbourhood community leagues to explain the process and gather information that informs preliminary neighbourhood design. The BGN team will:

- Outline Building Great Neighbourhoods processes and timing.
- Ask about any community-led projects or initiatives that may be underway that could align with or impact opportunities for City neighbourhood capital investments.
- Hear suggestions for capital investments to improve access by all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, traffic, and capital investments to improve overall livability.
- Ask about key areas and local knowledge of areas where transportation infrastructure could better reflect the needs of the users and the community character.
- Advise of the opportunity for decorative streetlights (requires a community-led committee, a Local Improvement tax levy to pay costs above standard lights, and 51% support from property owners).

Design (Meeting Two)



During the **Design phase**, neighbourhood residents and property owners are invited to a public meeting to review preliminary neighbourhood designs that show the work the City plans to do. The BGN team will:

- Inform residents how and why their neighbourhood has been chosen for reconstruction.
- Engage residents in reviewing preliminary designs and explain how their input will inform final design.
- Inform residents and property owners about the Complete Streets philosophy, provide information about the Westmount Complete Streets Pilot Project and show how the Complete Streets guidelines can enhance their understanding and ability to give feedback on preliminary design.
- Explain two Local Improvements (infrastructure projects that share costs between City and resident):
 - **Sidewalk Reconstruction:** the City initiates this improvement as a 50/50 cost share with property owners to reconstruct new sidewalks adjacent to their property. Most property owners accept the 50% cost as an addition to their property tax bill, however if 51% of property owners in a project area petition against sidewalk reconstruction the City will only do maintenance work on existing sidewalks in that project area.
 - **Decorative Streetlights:** the City replaces all neighbourhood streetlights with a standard model streetlight. Property owners may choose to upgrade to a decorative streetlight and pay the additional cost above standard streetlights. Property owners must initiate this local improvement, create a Decorative Streetlight Committee and receive signatures from 51% of property owners in favour. If passed, decorative streetlights will be installed and the costs added to property tax bills.

Design (Meeting Three)



As part of the Complete Streets Pilot Project, Westmount residents and property owners will be invited to a public meeting to review the revised neighbourhood designs. The BGN team will:

- Explain how previous input was used from the preliminary design meeting and how additional feedback will inform final design.
- Engage residents in using the Complete Streets guidelines to provide input on final design.

Build
(Meeting Four)



During the **Build phase**, residents and property owners are invited to a final public meeting shortly after receiving a Local Improvement notice in the mail. The BGN team will:

- Display and explain the final neighbourhood design, highlighting pedestrian and cycling accessibility and improvements to reflect community character and enhance the neighbourhood’s livability.
- Inform property owners of the Local Improvement process.
- Inform residents of what to expect during the two-year construction process.

Operate



During the **Operate phase** new infrastructure serves residents and property owners for decades. Any deficiencies detected within a two year period after construction are corrected under warranty.

For More Information:

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