

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

NORTH GLENORA MEETING THREE

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The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in North Glenora, with neighbourhood reconstruction beginning in summer 2013. As the City is committed to involving Edmontonians in the decisions that affect them, residents were asked to provide input, to identify missing sidewalk connections and opportunities for investments to add to North Glenora's livability.

The first neighbourhood meeting was held with the community league executive on April 17, 2012. A second public meeting was held on September 11, 2012. The final meeting was held February 20, 2013 at Westminster Junior High School. At this meeting the City shared the final design and construction schedule for the neighbourhood.

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

BIKE ROUTES

- *Bike path on 109B Avenue ends up at dead-end. Where is access to 142 Street?*

109B Avenue is a bike friendly route that crosses 142 Street to connect to McQueen Road, creating an east-west cycling facility. You can see how the bike facilities match up by downloading our bike map or viewing it on Google by going to www.edmonton.ca/transportation/cycling_walking/bicycle-map.aspx

DRAINAGE

- *Drainage improvements were mentioned but no detail. I would assume that the City coordinates with all City departments to plan intelligently for all improvements, not just transportation-related improvements.*
- *Drainage renewal should have given owners more notice that they were moving into the area.*

Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal is coordinated with Neighbourhood Renewal as part of the Building Great Neighbourhoods initiative. Drainage work is done one to two years ahead of planned transportation renewal in order to avoid disturbing new roads. North Glenora Drainage Renewal began in 2011; all drainage work will be completed by the end of 2013.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PETITION PERIOD

- *Petition 30-day period actually 16 days after community period is insufficient time.*
- *The process to petition makes it very difficult for people to object - our sidewalks were replaced and with a 50-year lifespan - are still in excellent condition.*

The 30-day petition period for Local Improvement is set out as part of the Provincial *Municipal Government Act*.

MEETING LOCATION

- *Why is this meeting at Westminster? There would have more attending if the meeting was in North Glenora - parents with young children, finding babysitters; seniors, mobility, carpooling.*

The City of Edmonton tries its best to host meetings within the community, however, some community halls and schools do not have the capacity or are not available at the time of booking. We make every effort to find a venue as close to the community as possible if one within the community cannot be found.

ROADS/TRAFFIC

- *109 Ave at Groat Rd right turn: this could easily be changed so when a person is turning right they don't have to wait for breaks in southbound Groat Rd traffic.*

Thank you for the suggestion, however changes to Groat Road are outside of the scope of the neighbourhood renewal program.

- *During the previous several years, 135 St between 107 Ave and 109A Ave has received several major repairs, each time in the same locations. Is this finally completed?*

All roadwork done on 135 Street will be completed prior to the reconstruction of this roadway in 2014.

- *110A Ave is so narrow. Buses had to back up and go around certain areas. City snow plows could not get through. Large vehicles have had to detour and at times there is barely enough room for regular vehicles. Short cutting traffic for 111 Ave and 112 St and vice versa.*

Thank you for sharing your concerns. Where possible, the City tries to upgrade the roadways within the neighbourhoods to meet current City design standards. However, sometimes the City is unable to, depending on the location of mature trees. The current width of 110A Avenue varies between meeting the standard width for a local roadway to dropping very slightly below this standard width. Unfortunately, due to the location of mature trees within the boulevard along this road, there is no room to widen the roadway at all. One of the main goals when renewing neighbourhoods is maintaining mature trees. As such, the City decided to maintain the current width of 110A Avenue.

SIDEWALKS

- *Cost too much for the sidewalk.*

The cost for new sidewalks is shared 50-50 between the City and property owners. As a local improvement, sidewalk renewal benefits property owners within a neighbourhood more than the city as a whole. As per City policy, then, it is paid for in part by property owners through a local improvement tax levy. The rate for property owners in 2013 is approximately \$181.29/m of frontage. This equals \$2,762.86 for a typical 50-foot lot, or about \$194.77/year if amortized over 20 years (the higher annual charge includes interest).

- *We have an aggregate sidewalk up to house and boulevard. Will the same be replaced?*
- *Would like more information about more paving of sidewalk leading to the front door/step.*

The City only removes and replaces a portion of the private connector to ensure proper drainage. This connector will be concrete to match the reconstructed sidewalk. For aggregate sidewalks, the City does its best to tie the back of the walk into the existing connection without having to replace any of the connection itself. If this is not possible, the City will try to match the material as closely as possible. If you would like to discuss paving to your front step, contact construction manager Adnan Akram at adnan.akram@edmonton.ca or call 780-423-6728.

- *Sidewalks are in good shape 140 St/108 Ave. Spring runoff comes up my front drive from north to south. The drain is four houses to the south.*

The project at this location was defeated by property owners. The sidewalk will not be reconstructed; only maintenance techniques will be used. Fixing any existing drainage issues will be difficult in this case. Please contact construction manager Adnan Akram at adnan.akram@edmonton.ca or call 780-423-6728 to discuss.

- *I would prefer it not be an "all or nothing" approach to the sidewalks. Fix what needs to be fixed. Don't fix good stuff. We have some metres that need replacement, NOT the entire neighbourhood. Thanks very much.*

Sidewalks are completed by project area. Each neighbourhood is divided into project areas for local improvements. If 51 per cent of the property owners within your project area are against sidewalk reconstruction, then they may successfully petition against it. There may be project areas within a neighbourhood that defeat the local improvement and the City will do sidewalk maintenance.

SOUND BARRIER

- *I would like to encourage the City to build a sound barrier wall at 107 Ave.*

To inquire about a noise barrier being erected at 107 Avenue, please contact Transportation Operations at 780-496-1795.

STREETLIGHTS

- *New streetlights not necessary to upgrade. I was in Crestwood. I could not see lights due to boulevard trees.*
- *Your mailout mentioned street lighting. The displays did not seem to show this.*

Decorative streetlights are a community-led local improvement. If the neighbourhood does not receive 50 per cent signed support from property owners in favour of decorative streetlights by November 15 of the year prior to construction (in this case, 2012), then the City will replace all streetlights within the neighbourhood with standard galvanized steel LED streetlights. Information on this process is available at www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements.