HIGHLANDS VISION AND IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

VISION:
Highlands is a safe, friendly and highly-connected neighbourhood. It is an active and accessible destination, where people enjoy modern infrastructure and beautiful gathering spaces surrounded by local history.

IMPORTANT ELEMENTS:
- Highlands features its natural beauty, including mature trees and connections to the river valley.
- Highlands is an active and accessible neighbourhood, where streets and sidewalks are designed to favour pedestrians and other active modes of transportation.
- Highlands is a safe neighbourhood, where there are beautiful, functional and accessible outdoor areas for people to gather.
- Highlands honours and reflects its history, recognizing local points of interest and telling stories about the diverse groups of people who lived on these lands.
- Highlands is a connected neighbourhood, where the streets and sidewalks support a natural flow of people who move both north and south of 112 Avenue.
CORRIDORS & CONNECTIVITY

What are corridors and connectivity?
Corridors are primary travel routes between key destinations for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicular traffic. Connectivity is how well key community and city-level destinations are accessible via corridors.

Why are connectivity and corridors important to Highlands?
Ada Boulevard is an example of one corridor in Highlands. It can be enhanced to strengthen accessibility and safety while, at the same time, preserving the unique character of the street.
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Pros

Cons

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BIKE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN HIGHLANDS
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**OPTIONS FOR CONNECTIVITY**

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OPEN SPACE AND PLACEMAKING

What are types of open spaces?
Open spaces within a community serve multiple purposes for all age groups. The physical design of open spaces can enable active and passive activities. Some spaces may function as playground and organized sports fields, while other open spaces may support social relaxation and people gathering, sometimes including their pets.

Why are open spaces important to Highlands?
Highlands benefits from many open spaces including those along Ada Boulevard such as Henry Martell Park, James Ingram Guillion Park, Betty Stanhope-Cole Park and access and viewpoints to the river valley and its trail system. These spaces provide opportunities for recreation and community activities. It is important that the open spaces in Highlands and along Ada Boulevard meet the needs of the community and recreational user groups.

What is placemaking?
Placemaking refers to projects that can be used to reflect the character of the neighbourhood, as identified by the residents. These projects can help create a 'place' that attracts people, makes them feel safe and comfortable, and can be enjoyed by all ages. Successful placemaking can be achieved in a variety of ways. It typically focuses on overcoming site-specific challenges.

Why is placemaking important to Highlands?
Along Ada Boulevard there are various opportunities for creative placemaking projects. Potential projects may include murals, public art, plaques, or events. These projects can happen in open spaces and gathering spaces throughout Highlands.
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What specific features would you like to see added? Why? Where?
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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK WITHIN HIGHLANDS

What is working well for walking and biking along Ada Boulevard? Why? Where? (Please use a blue post-it note. Please share one idea/location per note)

What needs attention (i.e. issues or opportunities)? Why? Where? (Please use a yellow post-it note. Please share one idea/location per note)
OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING, AND RIVER VALLEY CONNECTIONS WITHIN HIGHLANDS

What is working well for outdoor public parks and green spaces, landscaping, and river valley connections along Ada Boulevard? Why? Where? (Please use a blue post-it note. Please share one idea/location per note)

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OTHER IDEAS

Is there any other feedback you would like to share with us?

Comments

Thank you for coming today!
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