Building Great Neighbourhoods

Highlands

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Purpose

- Share information about:
  - the work planned for Highlands
  - how the City will make project decisions
  - how and when you and others can get involved
- Hear your ideas on who should be involved and who else we should talk to about this project
- Hear some of your thoughts on what’s important for your neighbourhood
# Agenda

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<td>An introduction to Highlands’ neighbourhood renewal</td>
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<td>An overview of communications and engagement</td>
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Let’s talk about Building Great Neighbourhoods
Building Great Neighbourhoods

2006: City funds mature neighbourhood infrastructure renewal year by year

2011: City moves to four-year funding model to support better planning. A collaboration between three City infrastructure program forms to coordinate investments in neighbourhoods

2017: City adopts new public engagement policy and introduces a new branch called Building Great Neighbourhoods
Building Great Neighbourhoods

Building Great Neighbourhoods (BGN) is a long-term initiative that coordinates the efforts to renew, replace, and enhance infrastructure in Edmonton neighbourhoods.

This work is intended to last for the next 50-60 years and keep our mature neighbourhoods at their best.
Building Great Neighbourhoods

Upgrades to neighbourhood infrastructure include:

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*subject to sidewalk local improvement

Other upgrades could include:

- Connections that help you walk, bike and move around your neighbourhood
- Improvements to green spaces and parks - i.e. trees
- A look at neighbourhood traffic issues
- Other infrastructure needs identified by the community to improve liveability
- Coordination with other projects happening in the neighbourhood
- Decorative Street Lights if the neighbourhood supports a local improvement
Let’s talk about Building Great Neighbourhoods in Highlands
Highlands’ Project

- Neighbourhood boundaries are between 118 Avenue and Ada Boulevard & 50 Street and 67 Street
  - Does not include arterial roads - 112 Ave., 118 Ave. or 50 St.
- Construction anticipated from 2019 - 2021
Highlands Project Phases and Schedule

March 2018: Stakeholder Outreach Workshop
April 2018: Neighbourhood Vision and Ideas Workshops
Summer 2018: Concept Refinement Online Survey
Fall 2018: Preliminary Design Workshop
Winter 2019: Pre-Construction meeting & Local Improvement petition
Spring 2019: Construction begins (2019 phase)
Project Governance and Decision Making

City Council: Approves funding through the capital budget

Building Great Neighbourhoods: Is responsible for project management and design decisions

Input into decision making includes:
- Public engagement
- City policies and programs
- Technical requirements
How Decisions are Made?

Public Engagement Input:

- Community Vision and Values
- Review Community Assets
- Understand Community Needs and Opportunities
- Understand Community Priorities
What makes a neighbourhood great?

Highlands Abundant Communities
How Decisions are Made?

City Policies and Programs:

- City’s Strategic Plans - The “Ways”
- Local Improvement Policy
- Public Engagement Policy
- Active Transportation Policy (Sidewalk
- Breathe - Green Network Strategy
- Winter City Guidelines
- Vision Zero
- River Valley Bylaw
How Decisions are Made?

Technical Requirements:

- Infrastructure Assessments
- Complete Streets Design and Construction
- Universal Design
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Urban Design Framework
Let’s talk about engagement for the project
Role of public engagement to the project

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SPECTRUM
What is the appropriate role for the public? Can we aspire to more influence and commitment?

INCREASING INFLUENCE AND COMMITMENT

ADVISE
(CONSULT)
The public is consulted by the City to share feedback and perspectives that are considered for policies, programs, projects, or services.

REFINE
(INVOLVE)
The public is involved by the City to adapt and adjust approaches to policies, programs, projects, or services.

CREATE
(COLLABORATE)
The public collaborates with the City to develop and build solutions regarding policies, programs, projects, or services. This can include community initiated engagement.

DECIDE
(EMPOWER)
The public is empowered to make decisions directly or on behalf of the City about policies, programs, projects, or services.

COMMUNICATIONS – INFORM, LISTEN AND LEARN

PROJECT MANAGEMENT – DECISION MAKING – RELATIONSHIPS – CAPACITY BUILDING – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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Highlands Local Improvement - Key Dates

July 3, 2018:
Deadline for the neighbourhood’s submission to the City - choice of decorative lighting (pole, arm, color)

September 4, 2018:
City sends Expression Of Interest (EOI) notices to registered property owners

November 15, 2018:
Deadline for property owners to submit signed EOI form to the City

Winter 2019:
30 day local improvement petition period (lights and sidewalks)
Community Outreach Network

- Role of Community Outreach
  - Build awareness of the project and engagement opportunities
  - Help stakeholders and residents get accurate project information by directing them to the right place to get their questions answered
  - Inform City project team of communication and engagement opportunities and concerns
Sharing Information

● City will share information via:
  ○ Email subscription list
  ○ City website
  ○ Bulletins
  ○ Mail drops
  ○ Others?

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Next Steps

- General information out to the neighbourhood on the project - Fact Sheet
- Draft vision and most important elements
- Neighbourhood Vision and Ideas Workshops
  - April 2018
Building Our Outreach Network

Are there any other neighbourhood connectors (e.g., associations, community groups, institutions, businesses) that we are missing as part of our Outreach Network?
A Neighbourhood Vision

What is my dream for Highlands?
Three Outcomes

What are the three words that we want to describe our neighbourhood as a result of the renewal work?
Three Areas of Focus/Actions

What are three most important things that we believe Building Great Neighbourhoods needs to focus on or do to achieve our three words?
Thank you

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