



# BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

## KILKENNY MEETING TWO

APRIL 12, 2016 6:30-8:30 PM

The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Kilkenny beginning in spring 2016. As the City is committed to involving Edmontonians in the decisions that affect them, residents have been asked to provide input, to identify missing sidewalk connections and opportunities for other investments to add to Kilkenny's livability.

The City held its first meeting with the community league executive on September 10, 2015. A second neighbourhood-wide meeting was held April 12, 2016.

Kilkenny residents had the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the neighbourhood preliminary design, and learn about the local improvement process. Staff members from Transportation Infrastructure, Transportation Operations, Facility and Landscape Infrastructure, Citizen Services, Drainage and Forestry were on hand to address residents' questions.

The following provides a general overview of comments and questions from the meeting, received from emails and from the online comment form.

### ALLEYS

- *The back lanes are in terrible shape! Needed more than bike lanes.*

As part of neighbourhood renewal, existing alley lighting will be upgraded to the new LED standard.

The City does not have an alley pavement renewal program in place. Alley maintenance, which includes pothole and patch repairs, is available to preserve existing alleys. A complete alley resurfacing or reconstruction may occur in one of two ways:

1. Paved alleys reconstructed/resurfaced as part of utility (ATCO, EPCOR or drainage) restoration. In these situations, the utility pays for the restoration.
2. An alley local improvement is petitioned for by benefiting property owners using the local improvement process. The cost of alley renewal is covered 100% by property owners. For more information please visit [edmonton.ca/transportation/on\\_your\\_streets/alley-renewal.aspx](http://edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/alley-renewal.aspx) or contact 311.

### CANADA POST MAILBOX

- *Can City of Edmonton petition Canada Post to elevate a mail box, as every spring or rain fall 3 to 4 inches of water collects at the base. Peticular box is on west side of 73 St between 152B and 152C Avenues.*

The City of Edmonton has provided some suggested guidelines to Canada Post; however, the installation is at Canada Post's discretion. Canada Post has the authority to install, erect or relocate a mailbox in any public place, including a public roadway. Canada Post has final say on the location, as the City may not relocate or remove a mailbox without their authorization. For further information, please contact Canada Post at 1-866-607-6301.



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## CONSTRUCTION

- *Staging info?*

The staging process has not been completely finalized. A final breakdown of the year-to-year projects will be available at the next Kilkenny neighbourhood renewal meeting.

## INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS

- *A bulb out at the intersection of 149A Ave and 77 St where the cross lights are. J.A. Fife has AMA Patrol children manning before/after and at lunch. There have been quite a few incidents of the patrol kids being almost hit when putting out their signs. Many cars park and block the kids. At 149A Ave and 76 St, there crosswalk signs but no white lines on the road. Many don't realize it is a crosswalk. Also the signs are hidden by other city signs (the sight line is poor for the crosswalk sign on the south side of 149A Ave).*
- *79 St at 150 Ave requires intersection enhancement. The spray park generates A LOT of traffic and people fly through there!*

In general, standard parking rules apply City-wide. One of the standard rules is no parking within 5m of the near side of a crosswalk, traffic control device or intersection. At this location, parking is already banned on the north side of 149A Avenue, and banned 25m facing eastbound to the near side of crosswalk. Even if sightlines are compromised, there is also an active control, alerting motorists that a pedestrian is ready to cross. At the 149A Avenue and 77 Street intersection, the City proposed modifications by providing curb extensions/bulb outs at the existing school crosswalk. Updated design plans showing these modifications will be presented at the next Kilkenny neighbourhood renewal meeting.

There are pavement markings at 149A Avenue and 76 Street. All pavement markings are touched up annually, and some bi-annually. Cursory reviews do not show the pedestrian crossing sign as being obstructed. The sign is visible from over 100m away. All other regulatory signs are required to be located where they currently are.

A zebra crosswalk will be added on the north side of the intersection of 79 Street and 150 Avenue. Speeding is best managed by the Edmonton Police Service and the Office of Traffic Safety. More information about neighbourhood speed programs can be found at [www.edmonton.ca/trafficsafety](http://www.edmonton.ca/trafficsafety).

## LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

- *What is the cost per year? What is the total cost?*

The exact cost for the sidewalk reconstruction and/or decorative streetlights local improvements will be included on your tax notice the year following the sidewalk construction.

### Sidewalk Reconstruction

Property owners pay 50% of the cost of the sidewalk based on their lot length assessment. To find out how lot lengths are assessed, please see: [http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on\\_your\\_streets/sidewalk-reconstruction.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/sidewalk-reconstruction.aspx)

Rates are set annually to reflect construction market prices and interest rates. Property owners have the choice of a one-time, lump sum payment or a property tax levy amortized over 20 years.



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## Decorative Streetlights

Property owners pay the additional cost of the decorative streetlights, while the City will contribute the equivalent of the cost of the standard streetlights. The cost depends of the option selected, the borrowing finance rate, the number of streetlights, and the number of property owners sharing the expense.

Property owners may pay a one-time, lump sum payment of a property tax levy amortized over 15 years.

## MEETING FORMAT

- *The attendance was greater than expected. The explanations were well done.*
- *I guess the discussions have already been decided for us so I thought it was a waste of my time!*
- *You need a bigger venue for next time.*
- *Great information. Thanks for doing this.*

Thank you for taking out time to be at the open house. We are looking into getting a bigger venue for the next open house.

The preliminary design for Kilkenny's neighbourhood renewal was presented at the meeting. The City presented this proposed design in part to get feedback and comments from residents that would assist in finalizing the design. The final design will be presented at the next meeting.

## PARKING ON 149 AVENUE FROM 66 STREET TO 72 STREET

- *Concerning 149 Avenue between 72 St and 66 Street heavy volume of traffic use it as a through way, and parking on both sides of the street make it difficult passing on coming vehicles, especially in the winter, maybe look at limiting parking to one side of the street only.*

This roadway is a 11.5m connecting collector urban street consisting mainly of multifamily dwellings. The allocated 2.4m parking lanes and 3.3m driving lanes are consistent with regulation set by Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) for roadways with designed speed of 50 km/hr and with traffic volumes less than 450 units per hour. Restricting parking along this route would move an overflow of parking into the residential area along 69 Street and 149A Avenue.

- *149 Ave from 66 St to 72 St is terrible to drive down in the winter. Because people do not move their cars before plowing, the windrows plus cars makes it so only one direction of cars can flow at a time. If parking could be changed to one side only, or the road could be widened, or cars towed prior to snowplowing it would make a BIG difference to our everyday commute!*

A "seasonal" parking ban was installed on the 149 Avenue route to restrict parking during times when a parking ban is declared for snow removal.

- *149 Avenue between 66 St and 72 St is very narrow. In the winter it is like a maze trying to get through the avenue due to parked cars. This is a main road getting to 66 Street.*

The 149 Avenue corridor was signed with three "No Parking" corner bans at the 149 Avenue and 69 Street intersection to create enhanced sight lines. All other areas along this roadway were found to be operating as intended.



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## SIDEWALKS

- *Sidewalks car friendly going into driveway.*
- *Yes to new sidewalks. Car friendly sidewalks going into driveways.*

The proposed curb type for Kilkenny is rolled face curb. This curb type has a gentle sloped face that allows vehicle access into driveways. More information about this curb type will be presented at the next Kilkenny neighbourhood renewal meeting.

## STREETLIGHTS

- *I would like to know how Kilkenny Community is going to organize to respond to the City with regards to the upgrade to the light pole standards.*
- *No decorative streetlights.*
- *No to LED lighting.*

Some neighbourhoods form a Decorative Street Light Committee to help choose a streetlight design and gather support for the local improvement. Usually the community league forms this committee. Please contact the Kilkenny community league directly at <http://www.kilkenny.ab.ca/contact>.

More information about the Decorative Streetlight local improvement process is available at <http://www.edmonton.ca/decorativestreetlights>.