



BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

SPRUCE AVENUE MEETING TWO APRIL 5, 2017 6:30-8:30 PM

The City of Edmonton is building a great neighbourhood in Spruce Avenue beginning in spring 2018. 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 Spruce Avenue's livability.

The City held its first meeting with the community league executive on September 27, 2016. A second neighbourhood-wide meeting was held April 5, 2017.

Spruce Avenue 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, Facility and Landscape Infrastructure, Citizen Services, Drainage, Street Lighting 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.

CONSTRUCTION

- *How do we have road/sidewalk/drainage construction on our other residential neighbourhood streets (101 Street and 97 Street) occur in tandem/in a coordinated way. (Need same look and feel to avoid multiple construction disturbances?)*

Neighbourhood Renewal is currently focused on the rehabilitation of local and collector roadways within neighbourhoods. 101 Street and 97 Street are arterial roads, which are part of a larger transportation network spanning multiple neighbourhoods. They are designed and constructed to different standards than neighbourhood roads. It is important to maintain consistency throughout the arterial network rather than neighbourhood by neighbourhood.

COST

- *If this is the City's property, why do the homeowners have to pay for it? Regardless of ½ the cost. Every question I asked the answer was "it is the City's property" so if it is the City's property, this should come out of the property taxes.*

Reconstructing the sidewalk in front of property owners' lots is a local improvement—a project that City Council considers of greater benefit to a specific area rather than to the municipality as a whole. Residential property owners therefore share the cost 50-50 with the City. The 50-50 cost share for sidewalks has been in place since 1995. Your neighbourhood will be divided into a number of project areas. If 50% +1 of property owners within a particular project area do not want sidewalk reconstruction, they can petition against the project. If defeated, sidewalk reconstruction will not take place and the City will perform sidewalk maintenance only. The cost of sidewalk renewal can be paid in a lump sum or amortized onto your property taxes. To learn more go to edmonton.ca/localimprovements

PARKS

- *We need a park for adults in this community.*
- *We need a dog park.*
- *It would be nice to have a park.*



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Please connect with your community league and/or the community recreation coordinator (Shannon Brennan, 780-442-4848 or shannon.brennan@edmonton.ca) for Spruce Avenue. They can assist with the process of developing park spaces in the neighbourhood.

SHARED-USE PATH/ BIKE FACILITIES

- *Multi-use path beside 106 Street should be continued.*
- *We would like a bike path on 101 Street to control traffic and make crossings easier to the bus.*
- *Some sort of bicycle infrastructure may be useful along the full length of 102 Street in the neighbourhood as I see frequent use by cyclist on this route.*

Based on feedback received during the most recent open house, Building Great Neighbourhoods is working with Sustainable Development to review the long-term cycling strategy for Spruce Avenue. We will explore potential options for enhancing the cycling network through the neighbourhood as part of Neighbourhood Renewal. This will include exploring options beyond lines painted on the road, such as an all-ages and abilities cycling (protected) facility.

WAYFINDINGS

- *For new proposed walk along Spruce Avenue Park (116 Avenue west of 102 Street) and correction to new walk through lot towards Princess Elizabeth, suggest having road and signage indicating direction and distance/walking time to NAIT LRT Station.*

New wayfinding is not under consideration at this time for Spruce Avenue. The neighbourhood is included in the recently updated [Avenue Walking Map](#). Please connect with the community recreation coordinator, Shannon Brennan, at 780-442-4848 or email shannon.brennan@edmonton.ca.

SIDEWALK

- *Why isn't 101 Street from 111 Avenue to 118 Avenue part of the Spruce Avenue project? We have a horrible asphalt sidewalk that has very poor drainage because the sidewalk floods and in the melt-off we get no mail delivery because the sidewalk floods. I think this is a major problem that is not getting addressed.*

101 Street and 97 Street are arterial roadways. Arterial renewal prioritization, funding, and scheduling are completed under the [Arterial Renewal Program](#). Based on current funding levels and City-wide priorities, the arterial renewal plans within or adjacent to Spruce Avenue within the next five years include 101 Street (118 Avenue to 111 Avenue). Road rehabilitation (where roads are repaved and curb, sidewalk, and streetlights are replaced/added as required) is scheduled to start in 2019 in coordination with Neighbourhood Renewal.

- *We need curbs for wheelchair users--often come from Glenrose Hospital.*

Curb ramps will be installed at all intersections to ensure safe accesses for vulnerable road users.

- *Wheelchair access and alley ends must be ensure no pooling of water after rains/spring run off.*

Surface drainage issues will be addressed through roadway reconstruction, which will ensure that stormwater flows to the appropriate catch basin.

TRAFFIC

- *Empty lot by 106 Street and 112 Avenue--problem with vehicles driving. Needs to be blocked from vehicle traffic.*



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Thank you for your suggestion. This issue is currently being taken under consideration.

- *Roundabout to replace minor intersections.*

Thank you for your suggestion. General observation shows that speeding is quite random and sporadic. Speed survey along 105 Street has been requested for further considerations.

101 STREET & 97 STREET

- *Concerned that more of the staff on site were prepared to discuss 101 Street and 97 Street despite providing this feedback at Mtg #1 and through submission by league and to the councillor for months before tonight.*

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- 101 Street (118 Avenue to 111 Avenue): road rehabilitation (where roads are repaved and curb, sidewalk, and streetlights are replaced/added as required) is scheduled to start in 2019 in coordination with neighbourhood renewal
- 111 Avenue (97 Street to 104 Street)/(106 Street to 109 Street): road rehabilitation (where roads are repaved and curb, sidewalk, and streetlights are replaced/added as required) is tentatively scheduled to start sometime within the next three to five years (2020-22).

Please note that schedules are tentative and final scheduling would be subject to available budgets, further condition and design assessments, construction costs, and coordination with underground utilities and other capital works.

105 STREET & 111 AVENUE

- *105 Street and 111 Avenue intersection traffic problems, backed up traffic lights.*
- *Traffic backed up at 105 Street and 111 Avenue.*
- *Need a right turning lane at 105 Street and 111 Avenue (east side of McDonald's Restaurant). remove Boulevard to accommodate right turn) lane along frontage. Relocate the power box on the corner of 111 Avenue and 105 Street*
- *105 Street and 111 Avenue corner by MacDonaldis in a traffic hazard.*

Thank you for bringing these issues to our attention. Approach and departure sightlines are based on stop/yield conditions. 111 Avenue and 105 Street is a fully signalized intersection where the right-of-way is clearly assigned. Due to this level of traffic control, the sightline requirement does not apply.

We will explore the suggestion of implementing a right turn lane. Factors that need to be considered involves: vehicle speeds, turning and through volumes, percentage of trucks, approach capacity, arrangement/frequency of intersections, crash history involving right turns, pedestrian conflicts, and available right-of-way.