BUILDING A GREATER STRATHCONA

Neighbourhood Renewal Update

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PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR STRATHCONA’S RENEWAL

The City’s Neighbourhood Renewal program renews and rebuilds mature neighbourhoods including local and collector roads, sidewalks and sidewalk connections, curbs and gutters, and standard street lights. The redevelopment of other City-owned areas within the community, including green spaces and parks will also be explored.

Repair of arterial roads and alleys, utility work, development or redevelopment on land not owned by City, and maintenance issues (snow clearing/lawn mowing) are not included in this scope of work.

Working with residents over the next few months, the City will create a plan for the future of the Strathcona neighbourhood that will be constructed between 2019 and 2021.

OUR COMMITMENT: WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

This is your city and your neighbourhood. We want to understand how you experience your neighbourhood and ask for your input on what we might do to make it better. We will engage and work with you to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used.

FUNDING

The program is paid for through a combination of property taxes, provincial funding and cost-sharing with Strathcona property owners for specific neighbourhood local improvements.

The two elements which are cost shared are:

- Decorative street lights
- Sidewalk renewal (directly in front of one’s property)

These cost shared local improvement opportunities need to be approved by 50% +1 of property owners. Decisions will be made by property owners in later phases of this project.

Learn more at www.edmonton.ca/localimprovements.

WHAT WE HEARD

Our conversation with residents about the future of Strathcona began in January 2018 with a public survey followed by an Options and Ideas Workshop in March 2018. The following summarize the key themes we heard which are the starting point for our conversation today:

WALKABILITY

Sidewalks – add missing connections (many east of 99 Street), widen, remove obstructions
Condition – many sidewalks in need of repair, crumbling, unsafe
Lighting – areas feel dark, unsafe, add better lighting (97 Street; 98 Street)
Rest areas – add more benches, seating

BIKEABILITY

Bike routes – add more N/S and E/W connections (mentioned often as options: 97, 100, 102 and 104 Streets; 83, 86, 87, 88 and 89 Avenues)
Bike infrastructure – add more bike routes, add bike buttons, traffic circles confusing
83 Avenue bike lane – supportive; some user confusion (cars/bikes)
CROSSING STREETS/AVENUES
Crossing lights – wait times long, crossing times short, add bike buttons
Enhanced crossings – add more locations
Crossing distance – shorten; add curb extensions
Visibility poor – remove parked cars close to intersections, add raised crosswalks
Mobility challenges – add curb ramps
Locations of high concern – King Edward School/ Park/Academy, 100 Street, 101 Street, 102 Street, 97 Street, 83 Avenue, Tubby Bateman Park, Old Scona School

DRIVING/TRAFFIC
Speed – reduce traffic speed (suggestion – 30km/h), add traffic calming
Shortcutting – volumes high, add reduction measures
Access in/out – add left turns signals, reduce congestion
Intersections – add left turns, improve visibility, remove parked cars close to intersections, traffic circles confusing
Road conditions – potholes everywhere
Driver behaviour – non compliance issues, drivers go wrong way on one-ways, stop sign infractions
Locations of high concern – 101 Street, 100 Street, 98 Street, 97 Street, 83 Avenue

OPEN SPACES/GATHERING PLACES
Parks/Spaces – add more green spaces/parks, add community gathering space east of 99 Street
Existing – improve, upgrade, maintain
Amenities – add seating, fitness areas, gardens, off leash, gazebos
Aesthetics – more ongoing cleaning, maintenance needed
Considerations – trees, access – mobility challenged, safety

WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT STRATHCONA!

DO YOU LIVE, WORK OR PLAY IN STRATHCONA?
This phase of the project is your opportunity to discuss and share ideas on:
• Traffic calming – shortcutting and speeding measures
• Bike routes and facility types
• Sidewalks and crossings
• Open spaces and gathering places

WHAT’S NEXT
The input you provide during this phase of engagement will be used to finalize the project vision and principles, and develop further design options and plans for Strathcona’s streets, sidewalks and open/green spaces.

We will share the next round of the neighbourhood draft design with you at a public event in June 2018, for additional feedback.

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