Building Great Neighbourhoods

Strathcona

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Welcome and Purpose

- To provide an overview on what we heard from public engagement to date
- To share, gather feedback to refine the draft project vision and principles
- To discuss ideas and options for the following areas:
  - Traffic and transportation
  - Types of bike routes
  - Missing links and lighting
  - Parks and Open Spaces
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Let’s talk about Building Great Neighbourhoods
Building Great Neighbourhoods

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 on the renewal of roads, sidewalks, streetlights, and park spaces, and promote other community opportunities to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used. Let’s make the most out of your neighbourhood.
Let’s talk about Strathcona
Strathcona Working Committee

- A partnership between the City of Edmonton Building Great Neighbourhoods branch and residents from Strathcona neighbourhood.

- Formed to develop a new way of engaging residents, business owners and other community stakeholders to shape the vision and direction of the Strathcona renewal.
Project Area

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What is Included?

Upgrades to neighbourhood infrastructure include:
- Local and Collector Roads
- Sidewalks and Sidewalk Connections
- Curbs and Gutters
- Standard Streetlights

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
- Coordination with other projects happening in the neighbourhood
- Decorative street lights if the neighbourhood supports a local improvement
What is not Included?

The following are not included in the neighbourhood infrastructure upgrades:

- Arterial Roads
- Alley Repairs
- Utility Work
- Development or Redevelopment on land not owned by the City
- Maintenance Issues (Snow Clearing / Lawn Mowing)

Strathcona:
- Parking lot by the Farmers Market
- 83 Avenue
Who Makes the Decisions?

City Council: Approves funding though 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
- Review Community Assets
- Understand Community Needs and Opportunities
- Understand Community Priorities
How Decisions are Made?

City Policies and Programs:

- City’s Strategic Plans - The “Ways”
- Local Improvement Policy
- Public Engagement Policy
- Active Transportation Policy (Sidewalk Strategy)
- 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 Standards
- Universal Design
- Crime Prevention Through Environment
- Urban Design Framework
General Design Guidelines and Considerations

- Increase sidewalk widths
- Current bike lanes (83 Ave/106 St)
- Avoid minimum clearances
- Protect mature trees, where possible
- Apply new standards and bylaws, where feasible
Let’s talk about the project
Project Phases and Schedule

Jan / Feb 2018: Community Newsletter and Neighbourhood Visioning Survey
March 2018: Ideas and Options Workshop
April/May 2018: Public Engagement Event / Survey - Options
May 2018: Design Workshop
June 2018: Public Engagement Event/Survey - Draft Design
Summer 2018: Community Outreach
Fall 2018: Concept Plan Refinement
Feb 2019: Pre-Construction Communication
May 2019: Construction
- Fall 2021:
Strathcona 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)
Survey Results - Who We Heard From

385 surveys were completed

- 85% residents of Strathcona
  - Responses from all over the neighbourhood
- Respondents aged from under 17 to over 60
- 65% single family homes / 27% apartment and condos
Public Input - What We Heard Themes

What you love about Strathcona!
Public Input - What We Heard Themes

Driving/Traffic
- **Speed**: reduce traffic speed,
- **Shortcutting**: add traffic calming
- **Access in/out**: reduce congestion; add left turns
- **Intersections**: add left turns; improve visibility; remove parked cars; traffic circles confusing

Pedestrian/Cyclist Crossings
- **Crossing lights**: wait times long, crossing times short; add more
- **Crossing distance**: shorten; add curb extensions
- **Visibility poor**: remove parked cars; add raised crosswalks
Public Input - What We Heard Themes

Walkability
Sidewalks - add missing connections; widen
Lighting - add better lighting
Rest areas - add more benches, seating

Bikeability
Cycle routes - add more N/S and E/W connections
Cycle infrastructure - add more
83 Avenue bike lane - supportive; some user confusion (cars/bikes)
Public Input - What We Heard Themes

Public Spaces/Gathering Places

Parks/Spaces - add more green spaces/parks
Existing - improve, upgrade, maintain
Amenities - add seating, fitness, gardens, off leash, gazebos
Aesthetics - more ongoing maintenance needed
Neighbourhood Vision

- Strathcona Working Committee and Building Great Neighbourhoods will draft a project Community Vision and Principles with public input.

- The Community Vision and Principles will guide the design for Strathcona’s neighbourhood renewal.
Vision Wall

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Strathcona is a welcoming, inclusive neighbourhood designed to safely and conveniently connect a diverse mix of residents and visitors to the local businesses and services, festivals, parks, and public spaces that make it a vibrant place to live, work and play in all seasons.

Strathcona’s design encourages walking and biking in a community that celebrates its unique historic character and natural beauty.

Strathcona enjoys safe, attractive and inviting public spaces that offer both active and passive recreation, and gathering places that promote a sense of community.
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Table Topics:
- Traffic and transportation
- Bike routes and types
- Missing links and lighting
- Parks and open spaces

Find out more by going to: edmonton.ca/BuildingStrathcona
How Input from Tonight Will be Used

April Public Engagement Event

Thursday, April 19
5-8 p.m. (drop-in)
Strathcona Community League Hall
10139 - 87 Avenue

Join the project team to provide feedback on the draft design concepts.
Sharing Information

- City will share information via:
  - Email - subscription list for Strathcona Neighbourhood Renewal Project and Strathcona Community League
  - Websites - City of Edmonton and Strathcona Community League
  - Social Media
  - Community Stakeholders
Thank you

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