

# BUILDING A GREATER STRATHCONA

Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter

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*This newsletter provides an update on Strathcona's neighbourhood renewal activities and provides details of our upcoming public engagement session in June 2018.*



## Planning for Strathcona's facelift

It's been a busy five months in Strathcona preparing for next year's launch of renewal construction. Thank you for sharing generously through our engagement activities. Your input has helped shape the draft concept design for your neighbourhood.

February Visioning Survey  
**384 Responses**

March Options and Ideas  
Workshop  
**44 Participants**

April Engagement Session  
**218 Attendees**  
Hundreds of Comments Provided

April Neighbourhood Survey  
**221 Responses**



## DRAFT CONCEPT DESIGN

In June 2018, we will share the draft concept plan for Strathcona, including recommended ways to slow traffic and reduce shortcutting, proposed new bike infrastructure, and updates to park spaces, including:

- Recommended locations of measures to reduce speeding and shortcutting, based on technical solutions, and what we heard about your level of comfort.
- New bike infrastructure proposed for 87 Avenue, 98 Street and 100 Street which will extend the City's bike network south of the river and into Strathcona.
- Improvements to park spaces including Fred A. Morie Park and Tubby Bateman Park.
- Proposed new park spaces created by closing portions of 98 Street to vehicle traffic.
- Pedestrian crossing enhancements/improvements and lighting.
- Discussion on Councillor Henderson's April 24, 2018 motion for a 30 km/h design speed for the entire neighbourhood.

## YOUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

We want to hear from you.

### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION

June 20, 2018

St. Basil's Cultural Centre

10819 – 71 Avenue NW

Drop-in 4–8 p.m.

## What We Heard from YOU!

Our latest neighbourhood survey was available at the April public engagement session and online for two weeks.

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments. Here's what we heard:





over a bike boulevard or a raised bike lane. The bike facility locations and types that will be shown in June align with the direction of the upcoming Council Report for the Southside Bike Network.

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

When prioritizing what is most important in improving parks, playground and open spaces, the expressed priority is to **improve existing parks**, followed by **improving connections** and **paths to open spaces**.

There is also a desire by respondents to explore the idea of converting a street to a park space. Those that felt they were not sure about this idea will have the opportunity to see examples of what this might look like at the June event and share their feedback at that time.

## SHORTCUTTING AND TRAFFIC CALMING

When considering possible solutions for shortcutting and speeding, the two most important considerations are pedestrian comfort and slowing vehicle traffic.

In terms of reducing shortcutting, the preference is for **one-way roads** or **raised medians** through intersections. Preferred measures that reduce speeding are **mini-roundabouts**, **curb extensions** and **raised medians**.

The project team is considering this input along with other considerations to meet the need and will share recommendations in June.

## DECORATIVE LIGHT POLES

As part of the renewal, standard streetlights will be replaced. However, property owners have the opportunity to upgrade the streetlights to decorative poles. This local improvement is cost-shared between the City and property owners and needs to be approved by 50 percent plus 1 of property owners. For more information, visit [edmonton.ca](http://edmonton.ca) or contact the Strathcona Community League at [strathconacommunity.ca](http://strathconacommunity.ca). Currently the community's preference is for a **black, fluted pole with a heritage arm**.

## TRADE-OFFS TO INSTALL MISSING SIDEWALKS

While existing sidewalks will be replaced during the renewal project, we've heard that there are various locations throughout the neighbourhood where sidewalk connections are missing. Where possible, these will be installed and be 100 percent funded by the City.

Considering the narrow width of several of Strathcona's roads, it may not be possible to fit a missing sidewalk into the available space without considering a trade-off to the roadway. We heard that the preferred trade-offs are to **turn a street into a one-way** followed by putting **a sidewalk on one side of the road only**, and **removing on-street parking**. Residents expressed the value they place on the boulevard trees as there was virtually **no support** for the option to remove them to create space for sidewalks.

## BIKE FACILITIES

When choosing a trade-off for the potential installation of new bike facilities, respondents favour turning the roadway into a **one-way for motor vehicles**. There is also a preference for **protected bike infrastructure**

## Project Vision and Principles

### VISION

Strathcona is a welcoming, inclusive and vibrant 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 in all seasons.

Strathcona's design encourages walking and biking in the community. Strathcona is known for its unique historic character and natural beauty and the design will preserve these qualities.

Strathcona enjoys safe, attractive and inviting public spaces that strengthen our sense of community.

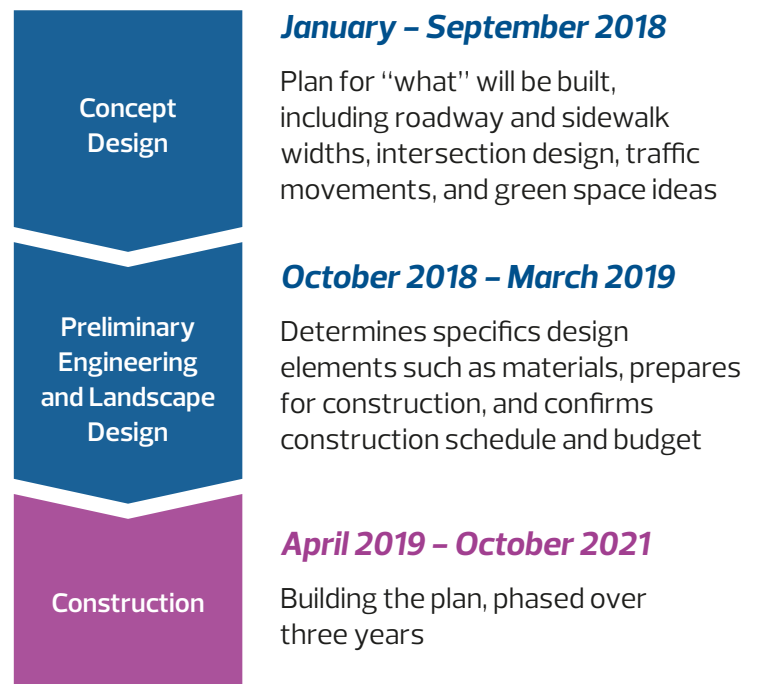
### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. To prioritize cycle and pedestrian spaces, and connections to all neighbourhood amenities, following Vision Zero principles, while considering the needs of vehicle users.
2. To provide infrastructure, street crossings and public spaces that are accessible and safe for all ages and mobility levels, and in all seasons.
3. To enhance/establish public spaces and parks that provide opportunities for community gathering, recreation, resting spaces and public events.
4. To incorporate design elements that reflect, protect and preserve the neighbourhood's history and natural elements.
5. To design safe, user-friendly roadways and intersections that reduce vehicle speeds and discourage shortcutting.
6. To provide residents and visitors with convenient access to buildings on residential streets.

### April 24 Motion at City Council by Councillor Ben Henderson

*That the Strathcona neighbourhood reconstruction be designed to a 30 km/h speed standard, subject to support from the community.*

## Definitions and Timeline



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