

ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM

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OVERVIEW

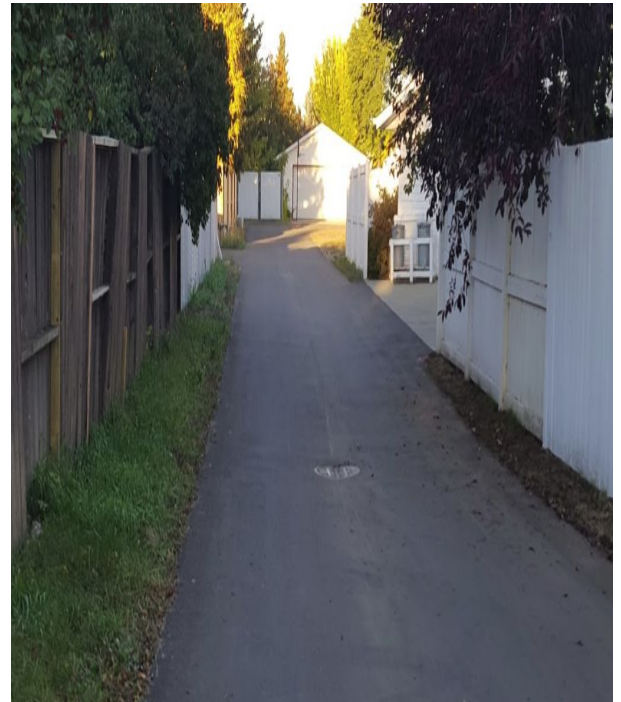
The City of Edmonton has approved a renewal program to address the poor condition of its nearly 1,200 kilometres of alleys. This ambitious plan will improve alleys city wide over the next 25 years.

The Alley Renewal Program will be phased in over the next four years, and will commence construction in 2019.

FUNDING

This program, which is estimated at \$22.3 million annually, will be funded by an increase to the Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy. This levy includes a City-wide contribution (not just a contribution from property owners with back alleys).

Property owners can choose to bypass the Alley Renewal Program by initiating a Local Improvement petition. However, if successful, the impacted property owners would be responsible to pay 100% of the costs and would still be responsible for paying the property taxes associated with funding the Alley Renewal Program. More information can be found on edmonton.ca/alleyrenewalprogram.



SCHEDULE

The Alley Renewal Program will commence construction in 2019.

The City is currently finalizing the first four-year plan for the Alley Renewal Program in collaboration with other utility partners such as ATCO Gas, EPCOR Water, and EPCOR Drainage.

Scheduling of locations will be primarily based on the condition of the neighbourhood alleys as well as in coordination with utility partners.

ALLEY RENEWAL

For 2019, neighbourhoods that have been selected for the Alley Renewal Program are:

- Belmead
- Homesteader
- La Perle
- Sifton Park

The scope of renewal can vary from alley to alley due to its infrastructure. The following is a summary of possible work leading up to alley renewal:

- Utility assessments and repairs
- Land surveys to inform design (including flags and paint markings)
- Drilling small holes in the alley to verify design assumptions

A renewed alley will:

- Address surface drainage issues
- Have a standard 4 metre wide alley, where possible
- Have a paved surface
- Replace the material between the alley and property line with the material that was removed during construction
- Tie in to driveways
- Upgrade existing alley lighting to LED fixtures

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

In the absence of renewal initiated by the Alley Renewal Program and outside the City's regular maintenance work (pothole and patch repairs), alley renewal can still take place as a result of:

- Underground utility projects
- A Local Improvement project initiated and supported by (50% + 1) of the residents backing onto the alley

Residents would be responsible for 100% of the cost of the Alley Local Improvement option. This would be funded through a one time payout or an additional fee on annual property taxes.

ALLEY RENEWAL OUTCOME

Once the work is complete, City residents will enjoy renewed alley infrastructure that will improve access and use of the alley.

For further information visit the website:

www.edmonton.ca/alleyrenewalprogram