



# What We Heard Report Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal

Community Feedback  
on Final Design

October 2023

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**SHAPE** OUR CITY

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# Purpose

This report shares what we heard from public engagement during the **Community Feedback on Final Design** stage for Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal.

To learn more about the final design, when and how the City applied policy and program information, public engagement input and technical requirements to make project decisions, please see the [What We Decided Report](#).

## Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood

Great neighbourhoods are the building blocks of a great city and the City of Edmonton is committed to building great neighbourhoods by investing taxpayer dollars in renewing neighbourhoods to enhance their livability and longevity.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program is designed to increase vibrancy and improve infrastructure in Edmonton's mature neighbourhoods. It is a cost-effective, long-term, strategic approach to address infrastructure needs such as rebuilding and renewing roads, sidewalks and street lights.

## Neighbourhood Renewal in Hairsine

In spring 2024, Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal construction is anticipated to begin in Hairsine. It will include the following:

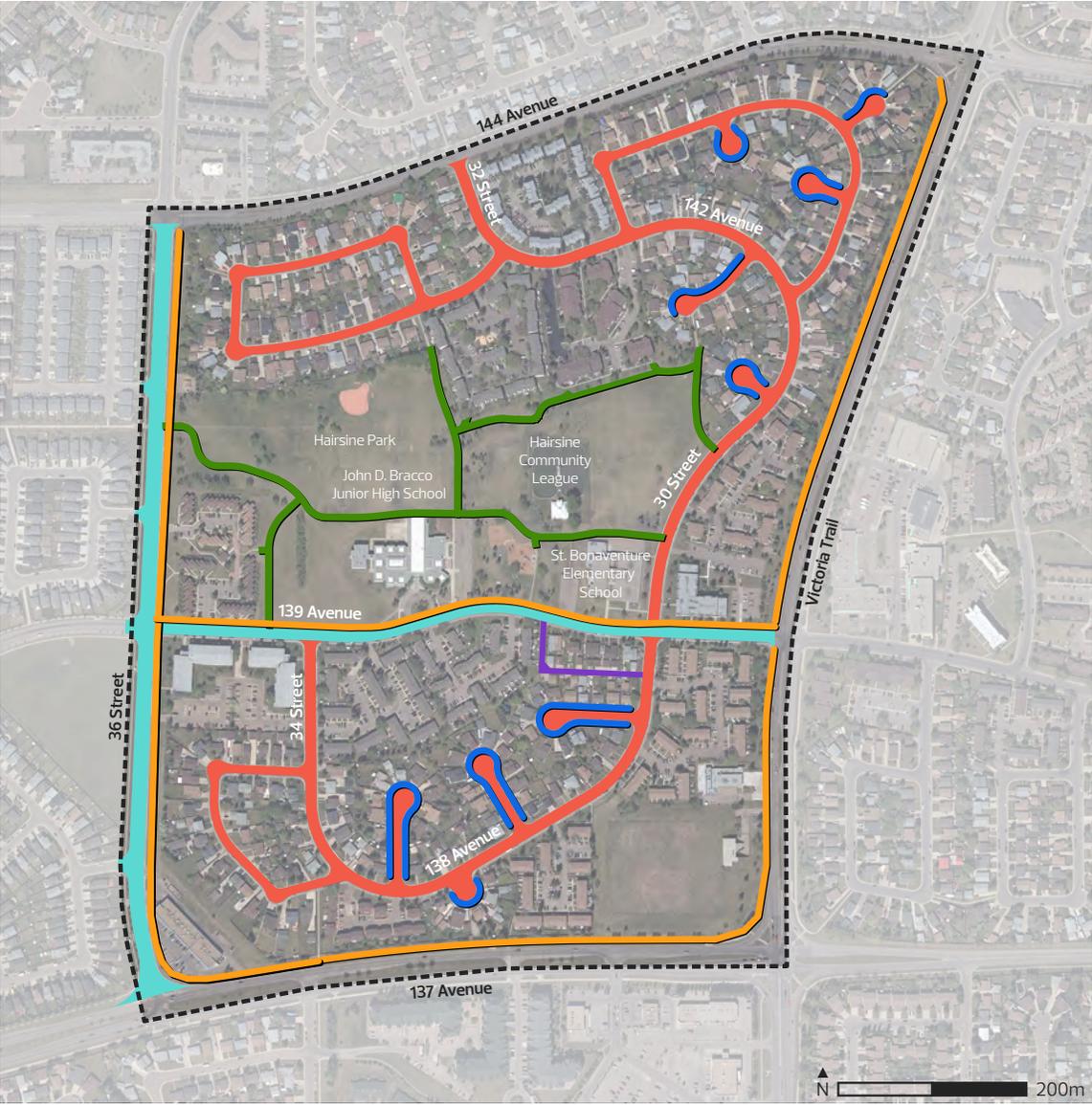
- + Improvements to all local and collector roads
- + Reconstruction of sidewalks, addition of new sidewalk connections and curb ramps
- + Widened pathways, new pathways and improved street crossings
- + Upgrading existing lighting and adding new lighting to improve safety
- + Improving connections for people of all ages and abilities who walk, roll, bike or move by other active modes within your community
- + Measures to slow traffic and improve safety
- + Enhancements to park spaces to make them more safe, accessible and welcoming

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# Hairsine Neighbourhood Renewal scope map



 Hairsine neighbourhood boundary

**Roads in scope**

-  Collector road
-  Local road
-  Alley

**New sidewalks and pathways**

-  New sidewalks
-  New pathways in Hairsine Park
-  New shared pathways

To learn more about the how decisions were made, including when and how the City applied policy and program information, public engagement input and technical requirements to make project decisions, please see the [What We Decided Report](#).

# Engagement summary

The Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Project Team organized the following opportunities for the public to share feedback on the final design for the neighbourhood. This input will help the Project Team **REFINE** the final design for Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal.



## Survey

- + An online survey was available to the public from October 10 – October 31, 2023. We shared proposed changes for Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal in Hairsine and asked you questions to help the Project Team **REFINE** the final design
- + Paper copies of the survey and design booklet were made available upon request

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**128 Completed surveys**

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## Project web page

- + We asked residents to visit the project web page to access information about the project, view the design booklet and learn more about Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal
- + As part of the online engagement, we provided the opportunity for residents to view the proposed final design for the neighbourhood through a design booklet

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**1,213 visits to  
edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine  
304 design booklet views or downloads**

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## In-person open house

- + The Project Team held an in-person open house on October 26, 2023 at the Clareview Public Library. This event invited participants to review display boards containing the final design and share their feedback with members of the Project Team
- + 44 residents and interest holders attended the event



### Virtual workshop

- + The Project Team hosted a virtual workshop on October 24, 2023. The Project Team responded to questions and provided an overview of the final design
- + 11 participants attended the event
- + Events introduced the final design for Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal. Project Team members shared proposed changes associated with the final designs and gathered feedback from the community

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**44 participants in person**  
**11 participants online**  
**Over 55 conversations**

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### How we communicated

The Project Team promoted our survey and engagement events through the following promotional channels:

Targeted social media ads reaching 22,000 individuals

- + 3,410 postcards delivered
- + 3,410 newsletters delivered
- + 2 road signs
- + 13 yard signs
- + 20 posters



# Vision and Guiding Principles

The Vision and Guiding Principles were co-created with the community and are unique to Hairsine. They helped guide decision making throughout the Neighbourhood Renewal planning process.

The Vision sets the direction for Neighbourhood Renewal by stating the elements most important to the community for the future. The Guiding Principles are ideas and priorities that shape how the Vision is applied to the neighbourhood design.

## Hairsine Vision

Hairsine is a generationally and culturally diverse community that is safe, family friendly and welcoming for all residents and visitors. There are lots of green spaces, amenities, parks and trees offering many opportunities to enjoy Hairsine's beautiful surroundings. We are proud to have safe and accessible connections to and from other neighbourhoods, nearby businesses and amenities for people of all ages and abilities. The many children who live and learn in Hairsine feel safe when walking, driving and rolling to and from school. We are continuously looking for ways to celebrate our diversity and foster positive relationships between neighbours.

## Guiding Principles



- + Hairsine is a family- and kid-friendly neighbourhood with safe spaces, parks and amenities to enjoy



- + Hairsine has beautiful green, open spaces with picnic tables and benches for friends, family and neighbours to gather and build relationships with one another



- + Hairsine has upgraded sidewalks, roadways and wide pathways throughout the neighbourhood that provide safe and accessible connections for people of all ages and abilities



- + Hairsine has well-lit spaces, crosswalks and streets



- + Hairsine honours and celebrates the cultural diversity of all residents and visitors



# What we heard

The City uses policies and programs, technical requirements and public engagement input to make Neighbourhood Renewal decisions.

For more in-depth explanations of what was decided, please see the [What We Decided Report](#). This section presents the final project decisions for Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal in Hairsine and feedback we heard from the community on the final design.

**Note: Construction and final design are subject to final approvals and funding.**

## Biking, driving and traffic safety

### Redesign of 36 Street

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Add a shared pathway along the east side of 36 Street to make it easier for people who walk, bike and roll to move around the neighbourhood</li><li>+ Widen the existing sidewalk along the west side of 36 Street to reflect the City's Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards</li><li>+ Replace areas of on-street parking along the east side of 36 Street with a new boulevard and trees to slow traffic and add greenery to the neighbourhood</li><li>+ Maintain on-street parking near Hairsine Park and multi-family residential buildings</li><li>+ Replace the existing crosswalk on the west side of Hairsine Park with a two-staged median crosswalk. The design will help slow traffic and enhance the feeling of safety for people who walk by improving sight lines and providing a shorter crossing distance</li><li>+ Update the intersection configuration at 137 Avenue with new islands that enhance sight lines when merging into traffic lanes</li><li>+ Add additional benches for seating within the boulevard space adjacent to the new shared pathway</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Improvements to support walking and rolling</li><li>+ Parking improvements</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Drivers using the planned traffic circle incorrectly</li><li>+ Traffic congestion as a result of the traffic circle</li><li>+ A reduction in parking</li></ul>



## 36 Street linear green space

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Add new boulders, shrubs and grasses along the 36 Street pipeline corridor which will provide additional seating opportunities, add greenery to the neighbourhood and increase biodiversity</li><li>+ Construct planting areas that will spark visual interest and a sense of character to people walking or biking nearby</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ The proposed improvements, with most respondents reporting that they reflect the community's needs</li><li>+ Planting trees, shrubs and plants native to the area as they will improve esthetics for all and support local biodiversity</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Installing new features (e.g., benches, bins, greenery) that may be used as shelter by people experiencing homelessness</li></ul>

## Intersection redesign (36 Street and 139 Avenue)

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Change the existing four-way stop to a traffic circle to improve compliance and safety for all users</li><li>+ Upgrade crosswalks to improve the visibility of people walking or rolling to those driving</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ The installation of a traffic circle because it will improve traffic flow and safety of motorists and pedestrians</li><li>+ Upgrading the crosswalks to improve pedestrian visibility and safety</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Pedestrian safety and congestion that may result if motorists are unfamiliar with navigating a one-lane traffic circle</li></ul>

## Redesign of 139 Avenue

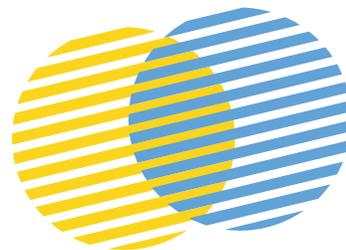
What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Replace the north sidewalk with a shared pathway to make it easier for people who walk, bike and roll to move around the neighbourhood</li><li>+ Widen the existing south sidewalk to reflect the City's Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards</li><li>+ Add new curb extensions at intersections and raised crosswalks to narrow crossing distances and improve visibility for people walking and to reduce driver speeds</li><li>+ Remove some areas of on-street parking to narrow the road and reduce driver speeds</li><li>+ Maintain some areas of on-street parking as parking bays near multi-family buildings</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ The installation of parking bays, making it clear where to park and where not to</li><li>+ Raised crosswalks that improve visibility of pedestrians and lowers vehicular speed</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ An increase in congestion during peak hours (such as school drop off and pick up)</li></ul>

## New boulevard on the local loop road of 142 Avenue/ 30 Street/138 Avenue

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Remove some areas of on-street parking and replace with grassed boulevard and new trees</li><li>+ Add new curb extensions to narrow crossing distances, improve visibility for people walking and reduce driver speeds</li><li>+ Explore absorbent landscaping in the new boulevard to help improve drainage</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ The beautification and greening of the local loop road</li><li>+ Landscaping and greenscaping that most respondents feel reflects the community's needs and some feel is long overdue</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ The loss of on-street parking</li></ul>

## Enhanced/new crosswalks

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Add curb extensions and narrow the road at existing crosswalks to slow traffic and enhance the feeling of safety for people who walk by improving sight lines and providing shorter crossing distances</li><li>+ Add raised mid-block crosswalks to help slow traffic along 139 Avenue and 30 Street and improve visibility of people crossing</li><li>+ Upgrade the crosswalk along the north portion of 36 Street to a two-staged median crosswalk to shorten the crossing distance for people who walk and reduce driver speeds</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ The installation of parking bays, making it clear where to park and where not to</li><li>+ Raised crosswalks that improve visibility of pedestrians and lowers vehicular speed</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ An increase in congestion during peak hours (such as school drop off and pick up)</li></ul>



# Walking and rolling

## Wider sidewalks along primary walking routes

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Widen the west sidewalk along 36 Street and the south sidewalk along 139 Avenue</li><li>+ Replace the east sidewalk along 36 Street and the north sidewalk along 139 Avenue with shared pathways</li><li>+ Add shared pathways along the west side of Victoria Trail (between 144 Avenue and 137 Avenue) and the north side of 137 Avenue (between Victoria Trail and 36 Street)</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Widening sidewalks for accessibility and usability by all particularly if they are well-maintained, including snow removal in the winter</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Impacts or removal of on-street parking</li></ul>

## Wider sidewalks along local roads where possible

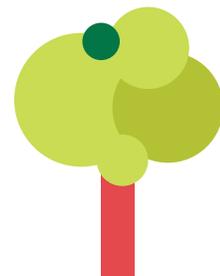
What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Widen the sidewalk along the local loop road of 142 Avenue/30 Street/138 Avenue behind the new boulevard</li><li>+ Widen existing sidewalks along local roads where possible</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Widening sidewalks along local roads for residents to comfortably walk with strollers, pets and wheelchairs, without crowding</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Narrowed roadways and a reduction to on-street parking</li></ul>

## Missing sidewalk links

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Add new sidewalks on both sides of roadways, where possible, to align with the City's Access Design Guide and ConnectEdmonton to build a city for people of all abilities</li> <li>+ Add new shared pathways on the north side of 137 Ave between 36 Street and Victoria Trail, as well as along the west side of Victoria Trail between 137 Avenue and 144 Avenue</li> </ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Having sidewalks installed on both sides of the street; a "must-have," according to most respondents</li> </ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Narrowed roadways in cul-de-sacs and a reduction to on-street parking</li> </ul>

## Enhanced breezeways<sup>1</sup>

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Widen existing pathways to make it easier for people who walk, bike and roll to move around the neighbourhood</li> <li>+ Install new and upgrade existing lighting along pathways to improve user comfort and the feeling of safety</li> </ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The installation of upgraded lighting along breezeways to improve safety and promote the use of the new pathways</li> </ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Lack of lighting in breezeways</li> </ul>



<sup>1</sup>A breezeway is a public pathway between two private properties. They enhance accessibility and connectivity within the neighbourhood.

# Open spaces

## Improvements to Hairsine Park

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Add a new shared pathway network with lighting through Hairsine Park, connecting the two schools with 36 Street and homes to the north</li><li>+ Remove a small amount of existing trees to create space for the new shared pathways</li><li>+ Add new trees and naturalized planting areas to add greenery to the neighbourhood and reduce mowing (implements The City Plan and Climate Resilient Edmonton)</li><li>+ Add new waste bins to help keep the community clean</li><li>+ Align the new shared pathway to minimize tree removal, shorten one soccer field and remove two small baseball diamonds</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Overwhelmingly, the improvements to Hairsine Park, including pathways and lighting, naturalized planting areas and revitalization of the open space design</li><li>+ The beautification and increased usability of the park for all residents</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ The use of public dollars on recreational and open space improvements</li></ul>

## Seating areas

What We Decided	Feedback on What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Add new seating areas with benches and bike racks along new shared pathways in Hairsine Park to create spaces for neighbours to rest and connect</li><li>+ Add new planting beds and trees to add greenery to the neighbourhood and provide shade in the summer and wind protection in the winter</li><li>+ Add new waste bins to help keep the community clean</li><li>+ Add kid-friendly sidewalk imprints and games to provide a new amenity</li></ul>	<p><b>Participants supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ The addition of family and recreational amenities</li></ul> <p><b>Some participants indicated concern about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Lack of maintenance</li></ul>



# Local improvements in Hairsine

## What is a Local Improvement?

A Local Improvement is a project that benefits your neighbourhood more than the municipality as a whole. It is typically undertaken near or adjacent to your property and is paid, in whole or in part, by the benefitting property owners through a Local Improvement tax.

### Sidewalk reconstruction

Sidewalk replacement is a cost-shared improvement. This means property owners are responsible for 50 per cent of the cost and the City pays the other 50 per cent. Property owners therefore have the opportunity to decide if new sidewalks are installed and may petition against this Local Improvement, as per the Municipal Government Act. If the sidewalk Local Improvement process is successfully petitioned against, sidewalks will remain as is and will be maintained for safety by the City. Any future sidewalk replacement would need to be requested and funded 100 per cent by the adjacent property owners.

New sidewalks installed where there currently are none are 100 per cent City-funded.

Property owners will have the opportunity to decide if the Local Improvement proceeds or not. A notice will be sent out in **early 2024** for property owners to provide feedback.

For more detailed information on Local Improvements and the decision processes, please visit [edmonton.ca/LocallImprovements](https://edmonton.ca/LocallImprovements).

## Next steps

Construction is anticipated to start in 2024. The Local Improvement process will begin in early 2024.

### Ways the City will communicate with you

Prior to the start of construction in your neighbourhood, construction bulletins will be distributed to all residents. The project web page will also be updated on a regular basis throughout construction. The City's Delivery Project Manager, Sharad Dhakal will be your point of contact during construction. His contact information is [sharad.dhakal@edmonton.ca](mailto:sharad.dhakal@edmonton.ca) and can be found at [edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine](https://edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine).

The Delivery Project Manager can assist you with answering questions or addressing specific needs or concerns about construction.

For project updates and more information:

**Web:** [edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine](https://edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine)

**Email:** [buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca](mailto:buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca)

**Call:** 311



## 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 streets, sidewalks, street lights 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.

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