



What is Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal?

Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal renews and rebuilds roads, sidewalks, alleys and street lights in mature neighbourhoods and, where possible, connects missing active transportation links. Other opportunities for improvement to City-owned parks and open spaces are also explored. More information can be found at edmonton.ca/NeighbourhoodRenewal.

How is Neighbourhood Renewal funded?

The Neighbourhood Renewal program is funded through a combination of city-wide property taxes and provincial funding over the past decade. To be approved for construction, the cost for the design must fall within the renewal budget for the neighbourhood. Some elements proposed may not receive funding, however, efforts are made to partner with other City programs and initiatives to leverage additional funding opportunities.

Two specific improvements—[decorative street lights](#) and [sidewalk reconstruction](#)— are cost-shared by the City and the property owners in the neighbourhood. Decisions for these improvements are voted on by property owners.

With the current fiscal realities for the City should Neighbourhood Renewal designs incorporate changes and enhancements to the neighbourhood?

Dunluce has waited for its renewal and the roads and sidewalks in this neighbourhood deserve the same support as other neighbourhoods renewed in previous years. The upgrades planned for Dunluce are intended to support the community now and for the next 30 to 35 years to come. The Neighbourhood Renewal program has been recognized as the most cost-effective way to add missing infrastructure into an area as significant construction work is already underway.

What is public engagement?

Neighbourhood Renewal projects follow a [road map](#) to guide public engagement and support the public in understanding the process and how to participate. At each step, we share the purpose of the step and how your input will inform the decisions. This information is shared across many communications channels and at public engagement events. The same process and approach are utilized for each renewal project. Teams adapt techniques and communication styles to share project messaging but the steps are consistent.



What we are looking for is how people live and move within their neighbourhoods. To learn what makes the neighbourhood special and what can be improved. The input received is developed into a vision and guiding principles for the project to support the development of the overall design.

The City's Public Engagement Spectrum, shown below, is used to determine the level of influence that the public can have on decisions made by the City throughout the project.

Increasing influence of the public →



What is the level of engagement for each stage?

Building a Project Vision Together - CREATE

- We invite you to co-create a Vision and set of Guiding Principles for your neighbourhood

Exploring Opportunities - REFINE

- We invite you to help adapt and adjust our knowledge of your neighbourhood and tell us:
 - How people move in your neighbourhood
 - Where people access services and recreation
 - How people feel about safety, neighbourliness and sense of community
 - What is unique about your neighbourhood



Dunluce Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Frequently Asked Questions

March 2024

Edmonton

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs - REFINE

- We invite you to share perspectives about the benefits and trade-offs of potential options
- Feedback from this conversation will be used to identify what the community, as a whole, deems important to maintain and what is flexible when making changes within the Neighbourhood Renewal draft design

Community Feedback on Draft Design - REFINE

- We invite you to share how well the proposed draft design aligns with the Vision and Guiding Principles we co-created at the beginning of the project

Expression of Interest and Cost Sharing Opportunities - DECIDE

- We invite you to make Local Improvement decisions for decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction

Who are the stakeholders for the Dunluce Neighbourhood Renewal?

Stakeholders include all people who live, work and play in the community, as well as organizations providing services. Stakeholders for the Dunluce Neighbourhood Renewal project include residents, property owners, businesses, schools and school boards, utility companies and community organizations (including the Dunluce Community League and School Parent Advisory Councils). Project stakeholders are also other business areas within the City who work on projects in the area or are directly impacted by the renewal (e.g. Parks and Roads, Waste Management, Traffic Operations).

All stakeholders are invited to provide input and it is up to the stakeholder to determine their level of participation. Engagement opportunities are broadly promoted to all stakeholder groups and include online surveys, public events and community pop-up events.

How are decisions made for Dunluce Neighbourhood Renewal?

You may not always see your ideas reflected directly in the design decisions as it is not possible to include every idea or meet every need on one street. For every decision, the Project Team consults City policies and considers technical requirements to make some hard decisions that include compromises and tradeoffs to ensure the outcome is good for the neighbourhood as a whole — for today and the future.



City policies and programs

City policies and programs such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards, Accessibility for People with Disabilities Policy, Vision Zero Edmonton and Winter City Strategy provide the overall direction for Neighbourhood Renewal designs. This sets the foundation for the Project Team to develop designs for the neighbourhood and the City as a whole, while technical requirements and public input are used to make adjustments for your neighbourhood needs.

Technical requirements

As each neighbourhood is unique, the Project Team conducts reviews of the neighbourhood and considers technical aspects such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will fit in the neighbourhood.

Public input

To understand resident concerns and gather local knowledge, community conversations and surveys in Dunluce began in August 2022.

How was public input used?

With over 6,000 residents living in Dunluce, each with needs and opinions on how they envision its future, the Project Team has engaged in many ways to gather input and feedback including surveys, public events and pop-up events.

Engagement opportunities have been held since August 2022 to gather local knowledge, experiences and opinions on how to improve the neighbourhood's infrastructure. Public input was used to help the Project Team generate ideas, solve issues and concerns and make design decisions while aligning with City policy and reviewing technical requirements. Early public input was used to confirm the project [Vision and Guiding Principles](#), which are used to prioritize ongoing decision making.

At the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage, the Project Team is looking for new comments or ideas about elements that may have been overlooked in the design. At this stage, even minor refinements suggested would still need to adhere to City policy direction and technical requirements to be considered. City policies are responsible for prioritizing the addition of infrastructure like bike



connections and wider sidewalks and technical studies reveal if and where in the community the infrastructure is physically possible to install.

What is the City's GBA+ process?

The City applies the gender-based analysis (GBA+) process to examine and address how policies, programs and services impact diverse individuals and groups. It is applied to better understand diverse perspectives, experiences and needs and create services that do our best to serve everyone. After each engagement, the Project Team reflected on the neighbourhood census data to ensure that there was a broad distribution of project materials and that the participants represented the neighbourhood. When gaps were identified additional strategies were implemented.

Some of these strategies included:

- To ensure families attending local schools had the chance to participate, the Project Team hosted stakeholder meetings with Parent Advisory Councils, as well as pop-up events at the schools during the concept phase.
- Residents living in medium to high-density housing had a lower response rate than anticipated during public engagement. The Project Team produced additional promotional material and delivered it to the buildings in the neighbourhood.
- An online public engagement option was available throughout all phases of the project to ensure those unable to attend in-person could still participate.

To learn more about Dunluce Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal and to sign up for project updates, visit edmonton.ca/BuildingDunluce.