Neighbourhood Revitalization

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# **What We Decided**

Inglewood Revitalization Capital Investment

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#### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY AND RESULTS**

#### **Project Overview**

Resources to support the capital or physical infrastructure development in Inglewood fall under the Neighbourhood Revitalization Capital Investment Plan. Capital investments may include adding new infrastructure to meet the vision of the Revitalization and enhancing public spaces such as roadways, alleys, open spaces, and parks to increase social connection, beautification, economic vibrancy, and safety. Some examples are improved lighting, benches, public art, wayfinding features and park redevelopment.

The Neighbourhood Revitalization Capital Investment follows the City of Edmonton's Project Develop and Delivery Model (PDDM). The PDDM sets checkpoints as projects go through the Strategy, Concept, Design, Build, Operation, and Delivery phases. It is intended then to ensure that all City projects have completed necessary checkpoints before being considered for the Delivery phase.

In 2019-2021, Neighbourhood Revitalization funding was leveraged with the Neighbourhood Renewal funding to add enhancements to <u>Inglewood</u>

Neighbourhood Renewal and the <u>124 Street Arterial Renewal</u>.

Neighbourhood Renewal projects are anticipated to be completed by the Spring of 2022 and the Arterial Renewal is anticipated by the end of 2023. Beginning in the Spring of 2022, Inglewood Park and Winnifred Stewart Park will receive additional enhancements and construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2022.



The role of public engagement input is to help the City consider what is important to people with an interest in Inglewood

#### January 2022 Feedback on Concept REFINE

#### Virtual Stakeholder meeting

The online stakeholder meeting, consulted with participants if the initial concept designs aligned with the community input and asked for feedback to refine the final design.

#### March 2021 Refine Prioritize Process and Criteria REFINE

# Virtual Stakeholder meeting to refine prioritization criteria

In Spring 2021 the community capital investment project team along with the City of Edmonton engaged with an Inglewood stakeholder group to bring additional perspectives to the conversation and help inform decision making for capital project recommendations.

#### October 2020 Exploring Ideas ADVISE

## Workbooks and online survey

Residents, businesses, non profit, and other stakeholders of the Inglewood neighbourhood participated in a workbook to contributed specific ideas for capital investment. The workbook was distributed online and made available in print.

#### November 2021 Concept Ideas ADVISE

- In-person outdoor public event
- Online survey
- Virtual Conversations
- · Written feedback

Building on the work of the Inglewood Community
League Park Development
Committee in 2018, in Fall
2021 the Committee worked with the City to develop public engagement to gather community feedback on concept ideas.

#### January - March 2021 Develop Prioritizing Process CREATE

#### Working group to develop prioritization process and criteria.

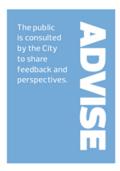
In early 2020 a Community Capital Project team / working group made up of residents of Inglewood was convened as an integral part of the Revitalization program's process for capital investment. The team put forward project recommendations for capital investment and worked to develop and implement tools to gather feedback from the neighbourhoods and prioritize the feedback.

**Capital** 

**Timeline** 

### **Public Engagement Approach**

Using the four distinct levels of influence of the public engagement model, the city solicited input from citizens to help guide the revitalization project. This model was used to guarantee their participation during all the steps of the project and to increase the residents' influence in the decisions made throughout the project.









#### What We Heard in 2020

The engagement material from 2018-2019 and the Renewal and Revitalization additional engagement in 2020, told us some of the strengths that could be built upon. These included spaces that supported vibrancy and inclusive activities where people naturally seemed to connect, including parks, green spaces, and playgrounds; restaurants, cafes and shops along 124 Street and 118 Avenue; and the 127 Street bike lane for different modes of active transportation.

Some of the areas for improvement included adding and enhancing amenities such as lighting and seating, enhancing art, history and wayfinding, and maintaining and improving trees and green space throughout the neighbourhood. We also heard concerns expressed about road and alley surfaces, traffic calming, crime and vacant properties. To learn more visit:

What We Heard Report



The survey and the workbook What We Heard, collected information about residents' thoughts about physical improvements to public spaces within the neighbourhoods.

#### What You Recommended to us in 2021



The Community Capital Investment Priorities Report outlines the Community Recommended capital projects for Inglewood. The prioritization process outlined in this report used the Inglewood Revitalization Strategy as a basis and departure point. Additional inputs included other 'What We Heard' reports from recent engagements through both Revitalization and Renewal. Ideas were taken also from the engagement on the Active City of Edmonton Project, and records of community ideation were also collected. In collaboration with the Capital Investment Advisory Committee, a set of criteria was developed to help shortlist the selected community-recommended projects. For more information visit:

**Community Capital Investment Priorities Summary** 

For more information and to view the full reports please visit: edmonton.ca/InglewoodRevitalization

#### What We Decided

Eight projects were recommended by the community for capital investment. Using a combination of policy and program information, public engagement input and technical requirements, the City made decisions to get the best outcomes. The projects selected demonstrated to be fiscally responsible, aligned with best practices and considered the existing public and private infrastructure, land uses and activities in the neighbourhood.

The City policies and programs, technical requirements and public engagement input related to the project were:

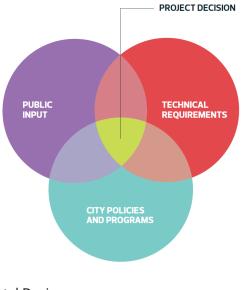
#### **City Policies and Programs**

- + Edmonton City Plan
- + Public Engagement Policy
- + Breathe Green Network Strategy

- + Open Space Policy
- + Winter City Strategy
- + Access Design Guide
- + Land Use Agreements
- + Capital Funding Policies
- + and more

### **Technical Requirements**

- + Infrastructure Assessments
- + Universal Design
- + Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- + Urban Design Framework



Community Recommended Projects		
Projects	Decisions and What is Moving Forward	
• Inglewood Park Water Node A water feature for passive enjoyment and activities for all ages.	<ul> <li>This project moved forward into planning and design in 2022 and construction began in spring 2022.</li> <li>The scope of this project will include the installation of a spray park and concrete pads to accommodate the installation of new park furnishings; replacement/ upgrades to existing park furnishings such as benches and picnic tables; installation of an external water bottle filling feature.</li> </ul>	

#### Inglewood Park Games Node

A park enrichment project to add opportunities for games recreation, including public ping pong tables, game boards, and other elements to invite play for all ages and abilities.

 Elements from this project were added to the Water Node project scope.

# Inglewood Park Soccer Amenity

Improvement of existing equipment, field markings, and the addition of seating, lighting, and a water fountain.

Not possible to move forward

 With limited location options for the project, the proposed location was impacted by City Policies around Land Use Agreements.

#### Winnifred Stewart Park

Addition of a connector walkway to the northeast/west corner of the park and addition of a large semicircular area where the new pathway meets the existing walkway to the south of the park. Installation of a new picnic table with suitable seating.

 This project was tendered in June 2022 and construction commenced in July 2022. The anticipated in-service date is late summer 2022.

# Linear Park Inclusive Playground

Building on the local presence of the Winnifred Stewart Association and the upcoming senior facility, establish an inclusive play space that invites and celebrates people of all ages and abilities to play in Linear Park.

- This feature was identified as redundant and will not move forward.
- The Rocketship Park playground was reconstructed in 2021.

#### Linear Park Multi-Use Plaza

A flexible park enhancement to add lighting, hard surfacing, power, and

 A plaza (hard surface) was added to the Linear Park at 114 Ave. other elements to the park to enable outdoor events like craft markets, farmers' markets, and activities like arts and culture.

#### Park Lighting Enhancement

In addition to the work being done through Renewal, ensure adequate lighting to both Winnifred Stewart Park and John A. Norris parks to increase safety in both parks.

- Lighting was identified as existing in Winnifred Stewart Park.
- Lighting in John A. Norris
   parkway was added to the
   Neighbourhood Renewal
   scope of work.

#### Mural Project

Focused on the back sides of the industrial buildings that face the linear park, this project looks to brighten the area, create opportunities for wayfinding and the expression of local identity, and engage with local artists and storytellers.

- Not possible to move forward.
- The proposed location for this project was impacted by City Policies regarding Land Use Agreements.

#### Growing Node

An orchard and learning space to bring food-bearing plants to public space, along with a small education node at Inglewood Park.

- With limited location options for the project, the proposed location was impacted by City Policies around Land Use Agreements.
- Edible berry shrubs were added to John A Norris Park.

#### **Renewal Additional Improvements**

Revitalization funded growth components that were added to Building Great

Neighbourhoods Renewal and 124 Street Arterial Renewal

### Renewal Additional Improvements

#### **Reasons for decision**

#### **Linear Park**

- Add pedestrian level lighting to the 1.3 km long shared use path.
- Create additional connections from the neighbourhood to the existing shared use path.
- Add seating areas.
- Add tree planting along with a shared use path and landscaping around seating areas.
- Build planting beds in poor soil areas for future naturalization through Root for Trees program.
- Create and install wayfinding signage panels.
- Design of a new dog off-leash area with amenities such as a partial barrier, garbage cans, natural elements, and new signage.

#### Removed from project scope:

- Interpretive signage panel required more work beyond the allocated scope of this project.
- Wayfinding signage was added to the project scope in place of the interpretive signage.

#### John A Norris Park

- Add pedestrian connections to the park.
- Build seating and picnic table areas, including a concrete surface with shelter.
- Tree planting and landscaping
- New hard surface area with shade structure and additional seating areas were installed.
- New North connection pathway with lighting was installed.
- New plantings and landscaping were added.

Removed from project scope:

- Create and install interpretive signage panel with history of the area.
- Install additional lighting.
- Interpretive/history panel was beyond scope of work with this project. Need more research and planning beyond what was allocated with this project scope.

#### 124 Street

- Add specialty trolley-themed benches and bike racks.
- Upgrade street lighting poles
  with the capacity to have hanging
  baskets, banners, and string
  lights installed.
- Install tree lighting in commercial areas.
- Build wider hard surface streetscapes in commercial areas.
- Include wayfinding signage.
- Add entrance feature at 118 Ave.
- Add Heritage street name blades.

\*Construction is expected to take place over 2022-2023

#### Removed from project scope:

 Heritage street names did not get community support following engagement on the project priorities.

#### **Westmount Park**

- Sidewalk connection across
   Westmount School park, 11124
   130 Street
- Construction of missing link sidewalk through park space and minor changes to fence openings\*
- \*Construction began in 2020-2021 with estimated completion in October 2022.

#### Removed from project scope:

 Formal sidewalk was removed from scope after consultations with the stakeholders revealed the value of the sportsfield was greater.