

La Perle and Belmead final design is here!

The City's Neighbourhood Renewal program will reconstruct roads and curbs, replace street lights, repair sidewalks, and where possible, complete active transportation links in La Perle and Belmead. Other opportunities to improve City-owned parks and public spaces will also be explored.

Cost-sharing opportunities will be made available through the local improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street light upgrades in the neighbourhood. The new infrastructure will provide enhancements to the neighbourhoods for the next 30 to 50 years.

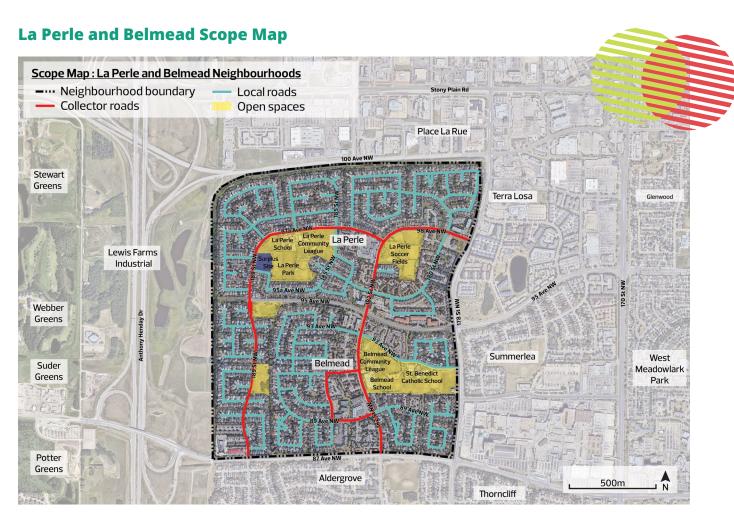
This newsletter is meant to inform you about the status of Neighbourhood Renewal in La Perle and Belmead including when and how you can join the conversation. We have been busy reviewing resident feedback, understanding technical opportunities and constraints, and incorporating City policies into a final design for the neighbourhoods. The design will show you how each proposed improvement for walking, biking, driving, rolling, playing and gathering works together as a system to provide the best neighbourhood experience for all users. Planning for Neighbourhood Renewal in La Perle and Belmead has been underway since October 2023, and we look forward to continuing working with you to understand your neighbourhood needs and refining the Neighbourhood Renewal design.

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How is Neighbourhood Renewal paid for?

Neighbourhood Renewal is paid for through a City-wide property tax reserve fund dedicated to the program. However, two specific improvements — decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction — are cost-shared by the City and property owners in the neighbourhood, as they are considered local improvements. Property owners have two options for paying for the cost of the local improvement. The first option is that you may pay the local improvement cost as a one-time payment. The second option is to pay the local improvement cost over 20 years for sidewalk reconstruction and 15 years for decorative street lights. The multi-year option has interest applied.

Read more about local improvements on Page 10 of the newsletter.



Get Involved!

Community Feedback on Final Design

From October 21 to November 18, you are invited to join us for the **Community Feedback on Final Design** stage of engagement for the La Perle and Belmead Neighbourhood Renewal. During this stage, the Project Team will engage with the community by sharing the final design for neighbourhood renewal and invite your feedback and insights to help **ADVISE** whether the final design reflects the Vision and Guiding Principles of La Perle and Belmead.

Learn about and share your feedback on the Final Design:

The final design will be available for review on the project website at edmonton.ca/**BuildingLaPerleandBelmead**. Watch the website or sign up for our electronic mail-out to be notified when it becomes available.

We invite you to view the final design for La Perle and Belmead Neighbourhood Renewal.



Review the final design online

Visit edmonton.ca/BuildingLaPerleandBelmead



Complete the online survey

Tell us what you think about the changes for La Perle and Belmead. The survey can be accessed from the project website at edmonton.ca/**BuildingLaPerleandBelmead** from Tuesday, October 21 to Tuesday, November 18.



Meet the Project Team at a drop-in event

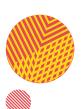
Join us at a drop-in event to hear details about the final design and provide your feedback.

- + Saturday, November 1, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Belmead Community League, 9109 182 Street NW
- Wednesday, November 5, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 La Perle Community League, 18611 97a Avenue NW



Have a question for the Project Team or need access to online resources?

No problem! If you do not have internet access or if you prefer to engage in a different manner, the Project Team is available to schedule one-on-one phone calls with interested participants to share information, answer questions and gather input. A paper copy of the survey can also be provided. Email **chase.gingles@edmonton.ca** OR call **311** and ask to be connected with a Project Team member by phone.

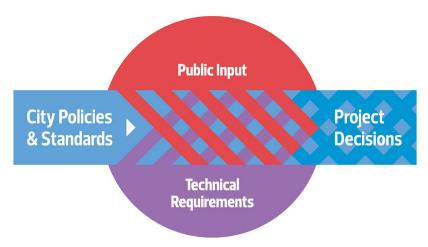


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How decisions are made

For Neighbourhood Renewal projects, the City of Edmonton makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public input, technical requirements and available funding.



This process helps to ensure that the decisions we make are fiscally responsible, align with best practices, consider the existing public and private infrastructure, land uses and activities in the neighbourhood and result in the best outcomes for your neighbourhood and our city. City policies and programs such as the City Plan, Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards, Safe Mobility Strategy and Winter City Strategy provide the overall direction for Neighbourhood Renewal designs.

As each neighbourhood is unique, the Project Team asks for input from community members who live, work and play in the neighbourhood. It's important to note that public engagement feedback is not a vote, nor is it a statistical representation of all residents. It does, however, provide an indication of local concerns and desires. Input received through Neighbourhood Renewal engagement cannot change city-wide policy direction or construction standards.

La Perle and Belmead Neighbourhood Renewal Schedule

OCTOBER 2023

Starting the Conversation

JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 2024

Building a Project Vision Together and Exploring Opportunities

APRIL TO MAY 2024

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2024

Community Feedback on Draft Design

OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 2025

Community Feedback on Final Design

Construction in La Perle and Belmead will be scheduled separately. La Perle property owners can expect to receive the local improvement notice in early 2026, to prepare for the upcoming construction season. The timeline for Belmead construction will be shared in early 2026 on the project web page when it's confirmed.







The City of Edmonton seeks input from residents to help guide the project. The City's Public Engagement Spectrum, below, shows the four levels of influence that the public can have on decisions made by the City throughout the project.



During the Community Feedback on Final Design stage the public will:

+ **ADVISE** and help confirm whether the final design reflects the Vision and Guiding Principles and the current and future needs of the community





La Perle and Belmead Vision & Guiding Principles

The Vision and Guiding Principles for La Perle and Belmead were co-created with input received from residents and interested parties and finalized earlier in the project.

La Perle and Belmead Vision

We are the well-established, safe, quiet, and family-friendly communities of La Perle and Belmead. Our residents enjoy abundant green spaces within the communities, which provide many opportunities to play and gather with neighbours. We are well connected to schools, parks and commercial destinations with access to key corridors beyond the communities.

Guiding Principles



Welcoming

La Perle and Belmead are vibrant and welcoming communities. There are diverse parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and local amenities which provide opportunities for neighbours to be well-connected to one another and experience all the communities have to offer.



Safe

Residents feel comfortable walking, rolling, biking and driving in their communities at any time. Sidewalks, roads and crossings are enhanced to improve visibility, traffic flow and movement for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to safely travel within communities.



Access to parks and open spaces

La Perle and Belmead have many beautiful parks and open spaces that are well-connected throughout the communities. Connectivity provides access to these spaces and creates opportunities for families, visitors and neighbours to gather with one another.



Inclusive

People of all ages and abilities can safely and comfortably move through the communities using various modes of transportation to enjoy the diverse gathering spaces, parks, open spaces and recreational opportunities in La Perle and Belmead.



Local amenities

Amenities in the neighbourhoods provide opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities to enjoy. Local destinations are easy to access with many breezeways, paths, sidewalks and roads connecting different areas within the communities.







Neighbourhood Renewal Road Map



LEGEND

Public Engagement and Communications Opportunities

Concept Phase Design Phase Build Phase Operate Phase

What we heard

In November to December 2024, La Perle and Belmead community members were invited to review the draft design and share their insight on whether the design reflects the community's Vision and Guiding Principles during the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage of engagement. Input was gathered through an online survey, stakeholder meetings, pop-up events and inperson drop-in open houses.

The following is a summary of what we heard during this stage of engagement:

Walking, rolling and biking connections

There was general support for the proposed changes to walking, rolling and biking connections and sidewalk renewal. Several participants were supportive of additional new shared pathways and emphasized their importance for connecting both neighbourhoods and to other areas of the city for people who walk, roll and bike.

Collector roads

Collector roads are streets that provide travel between local neighbourhood roads and busy arterial roads. Several participants were supportive of renewal on roadway surfaces and the addition of traffic calming measures near key intersections to discourage commuter shortcutting through the neighbourhood and to improve community safety for people who walk, roll and bike.

Local roads

Local roads are streets that are primarily used to gain access to the property bordering them. A number of respondents supported maintaining on-street parking throughout the neighbourhood and noted the importance of parking availability near schools, parks and open spaces and other community amenities. Participants expressed that wider sidewalks on local roads would improve the experience for people who walk and roll.

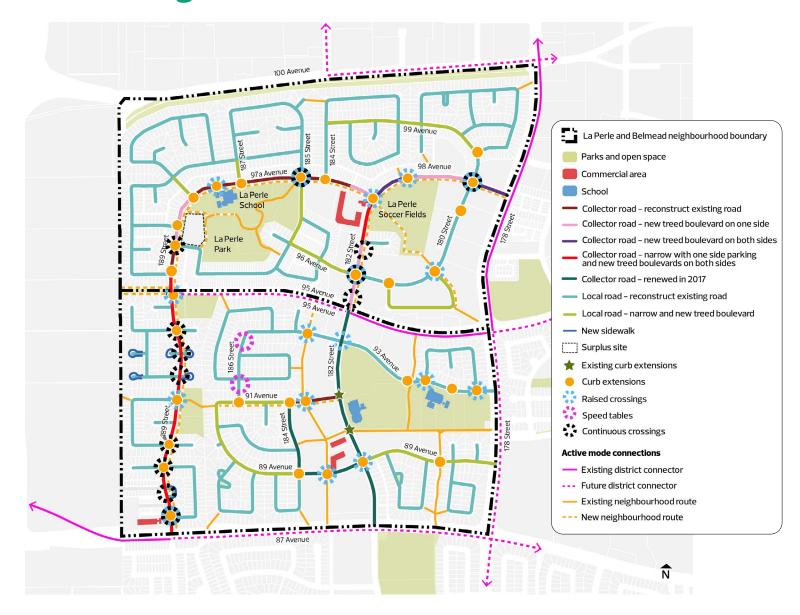
Parks and open spaces

Many participants believe the draft design reflects the community's current and future needs and were supportive of new pathways connecting parks and open spaces to the surrounding neighbourhood. Several participants were also pleased to see improved seating areas added along key walking and biking routes and additional amenities such as bike parking in parks.





Final design overview



What has changed from draft design

Changes to the draft design were made based on additional technical analysis, City policy review and feedback we heard during previous stages of engagement. To see the input received during Community Feedback on Draft Design, review the What We Heard report at edmonton.ca/**BuildingLaPerleandBelmead**.

The updates and changes made since the design was shared in November 2024 are highlighted in the final design and include:

- New treed boulevard added along sections of 189 Street and 97A Avenue between the road and shared pathway in La Perle
- + Changes to the pathways through parks and open spaces
- + Changes to traffic calming types and locations including new curb extensions, raised crosswalks and the removal of two-stage crossings and centre medians in La Perle

What you need to know about local improvements

As part of Neighbourhood Renewal, there are two local improvements that apply in the La Perle and Belmead neighbourhoods: Sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street lights.

What is a local improvement?

A local improvement is a project that benefits a property owner more than it benefits the city as a whole, such as sidewalk reconstruction. As a result, the property owner and the City of Edmonton split the cost for these improvements 50/50. Learn more by visiting edmonton.ca/**LocalImprovements**.

Sidewalk reconstruction

A sidewalk reconstruction local improvement is initiated by the City as part of Neighbourhood Renewal. Since there is a cost to property owners for the local improvement project, they get a say in whether it goes forward. The City does this by sending out local improvement information packages to all applicable property owners. The packages include information about local improvement, a breakdown of the cost and petition instructions.

Through the petition process, the City needs to receive votes against the proposed local improvement from 50 per cent, plus one, of the property owners in the project area. For example, if there are 500 property owners in the local improvement project area, there must be at least 251 valid votes against the local improvement.

More information on sidewalk reconstruction costs and the petition process will be delivered in 2026.

Decorative street lights

New galvanized street lights are included in the neighbourhood renewal process at no additional cost. Some communities choose to pay for decorative street light upgrades. The cost of the upgrade is charged to the property owners as a local improvement. Community volunteers lead the campaign to select a decorative option for street lights.

The La Perle community has selected a black powder coated street light with octagonal pole and heritage arm. The Expression of Interest for La Perle decorative street lights was sent to property owners in September 2025 who have until November 17, 2025 to submit their completed forms.

The Belmead community has selected a black powder coated street light with a standard pole and arm. The Expression of Interest will be mailed to all Belmead property owners once the construction schedule is set for the project.

Decorative street blades

As part of Neighbourhood Renewal, the community has the option to receive decorative street blades throughout the neighbourhood at no additional cost to property owners. Street blades can contain a community logo, a historic street name and the year the neighbourhood was established.

The Belmead community committee is continuing to engage the community on the preferred design for the decorative street blades. You can learn more about the proposed designs by contacting the Belmead Community League.

The La Perle community committee has selected the following design for the decorative street blades:



Updates from your community leagues

La Perle Community League

Get a head start on your holiday shopping on Saturday, November 29, at the La Perle Holiday Vendor Marketplace! From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., enjoy browsing a variety of local vendors offering handmade crafts, unique art, delicious food and much more. New this year: Visit with Santa! By donation to the Edmonton Food Bank. Support small businesses, discover one-of-a-kind items, meet Santa, and give back this holiday season! Don't miss it!

Belmead Community League

Belmead Community League Board of Directors and Staff have been working hard all summer to bring 2 successful events to Belmead.

First, Belmead in Bloom program which was able to go out and nominate several yards and gardens throughout our community. The winners were presented prizes at our second incredible event, Belmead Blast, on September 20. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Unfortunately, our amazing office manager must leave our team after many years with Belmead and we will be looking to fill some of her duties. If anyone is interested in some part time work, please email **belmeadhall@gmail.com**

Valley Line West

Marigold Infrastructure Partners (MIP) is in its fourth year of major construction on the Valley Line West LRT project. This year, the City and MIP have focused on an accelerated roadwork plan in key areas along the alignment. The goal of the three-phased plan is to reduce the overall timeframe of traffic restrictions by more than half for commuters, residents and businesses. Accelerated roadwork will also take many of the roads into their final traffic configuration. More information about the plan can be found at edmonton.ca/ValleyLineWest.

MIP has indicated that 87 Avenue will reopen to two lanes in each direction for the winter. Stay informed about upcoming construction by signing up for MIP's construction notices at marigoldinfra.ca/email-sign-up.

Questions?

For questions related to the Valley Line West project, please contact:

- + lrtprojects@edmonton.ca
- + LRT Projects Information Centre at 780-496-4874 (voicemail)

For questions related to MIP construction, please contact:

- + public@marigoldinfra.ca
- + 780-412-2183



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 roads, sidewalks, streetlights 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.

For more information regarding the La Perle and Belmead Neighbourhood Renewal, upcoming public engagement activities and to subscribe for project updates, scan the QR code or visit edmonton.ca/BuildingLaPerleandBelmead.



