

What We Heard Report: Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal

Community Feedback on Draft Design
April–May 2025

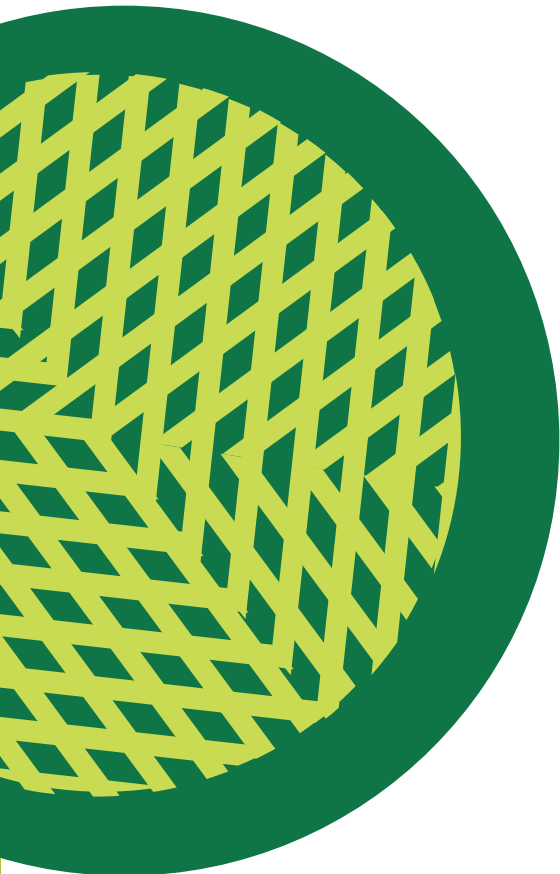
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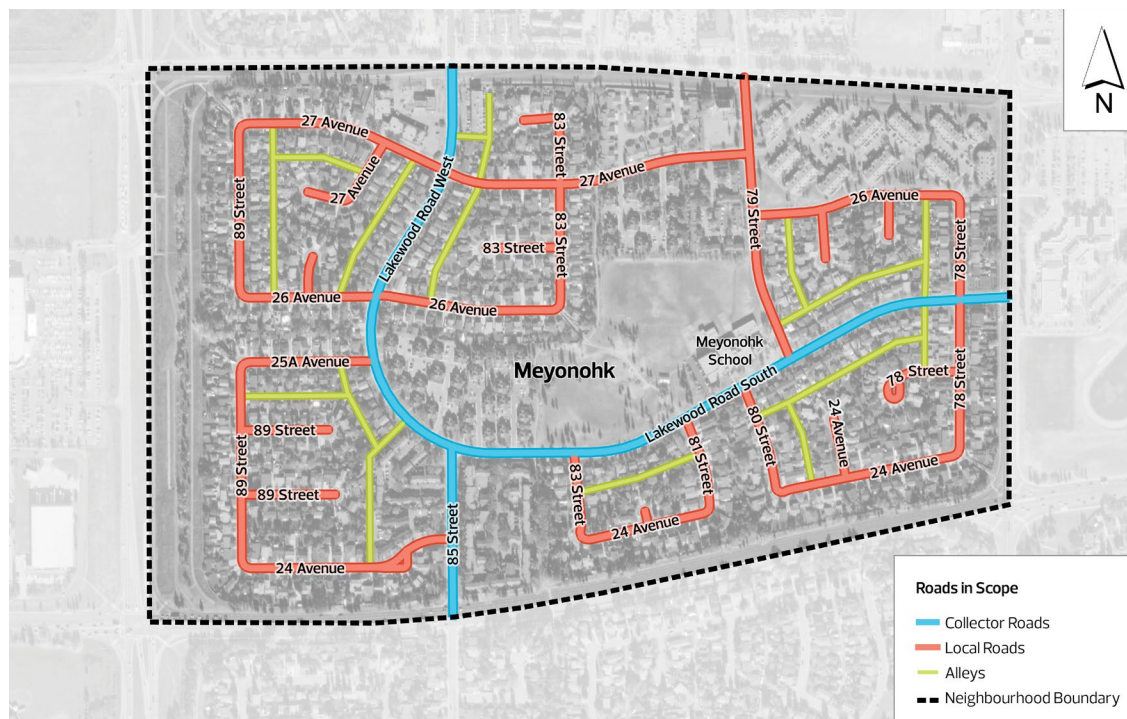


Project overview

Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal rehabilitates roads and alleys, replaces street lights, curbs and gutters, repairs sidewalks and where possible, completes active transportation links. Other opportunities for improvement to City-owned parks and open spaces are also explored. Arterial roads are not included in neighbourhood renewal.

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 neighbourhood for the next 30 to 50 years.

Meyonohk project scope map



Where we are in the decision making process

The Neighbourhood Renewal program follows the road map shown below. Following each stage of engagement, the Project Team will share with you how your input is used to **ADVISE**, **REFINE**, **CREATE** or **DECIDE** key aspects of the project.

This report highlights what we heard during the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage between April 24 and May 15, 2025. To learn more about previous stages visit edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk.

Neighbourhood Renewal Road Map



Public Engagement Spectrum

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

In this stage of engagement, the public was invited to provide input that would help:

- + **REFINE** the Project Team's proposed design options

We commit to sharing how public input influences decisions according to the Public Engagement Spectrum:

Public Engagement Spectrum



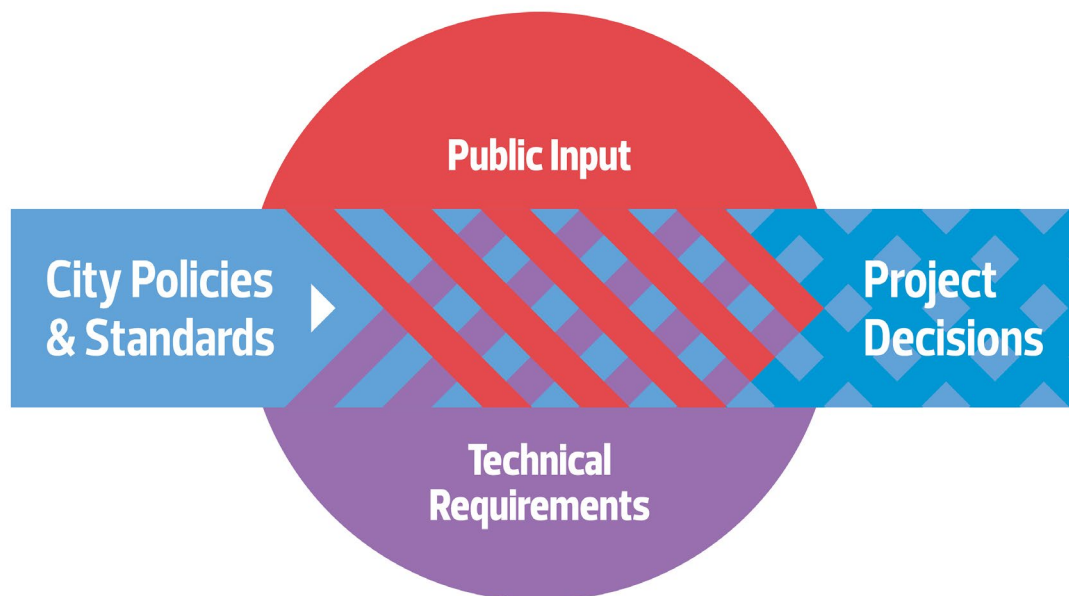
Decision making process

City policies and programs such as the 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 residents who live, work and play in the neighbourhood and considers technical aspects such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will fit in the neighbourhood.

This process helps to ensure 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 our city.

It's important to note 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 public engagement cannot change policy direction.

Decision making diagram



How we informed and engaged

The Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Project Team organized the following opportunities for the public to share feedback during the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage. This input will help the Project Team **REFINE** the draft design into the final design.

Survey



- + An online survey was available from April 24 to May 15, 2025. The survey shared information about the draft design and asked participants to help us **REFINE** the design and confirm it reflects the community's Vision and Guiding Principles
- + Paper copies of the survey were available to community members upon request

58 contributors

Drop-in community event



- + Project Team members met with board members from the Lakewood Community League on April 15, 2025 to share the draft design for Meyonohk
- + Project Team members met with participants from the Parents Involved in Meyonohk group from Meyonohk School on April 23, 2025 to share the draft design for Meyonohk, specifically the proposed designs near the school
- + Residents were invited to attend a drop-in community event hosted on May 1, 2025 at Meyonohk School. The Project Team presented the draft design to 56 participants using display boards. Attendees had the opportunity to view the design, ask questions and offer feedback
- + Pop-up events took place on May 8 and May 10, 2025 at Meyonohk Park and Project Team members were on site to answer questions from residents and provide them with information on how to provide feedback through the survey
- + On May 8, 2025, the Project Team talked to over 40 caregivers waiting for students at pick up time at the school and directed people to the online survey
- + Project Team members knocked on doors around the community on May 8 and May 10, 2025, and talked to over 100 residents about the project and directed people to the online survey

Over 230 community conversations

How we communicated



- + Two road signs
- + 16 yard signs
- + 300 handbills delivered
- + 774 property owners letters
- + 1,136 newsletters delivered
- + 1,000 door hangers delivered
- + 430 clicks on Facebook and Instagram ads
- + 822 project web page unique views
- + 54 emails to list subscribers

Meyonohk Vision and Guiding Principles

In previous stages of engagement, we worked with the community to **CREATE** a neighbourhood Vision Statement and a set of Guiding Principles. This Vision is used to guide decision making for Neighbourhood Renewal. The Guiding Principles are ideas that inform how the Vision should be applied to the neighbourhood design.

Community Vision for Meyonohk

We are the friendly, welcoming and vibrant community of Meyonohk.

Our neighbourhood values safety, inclusivity and accessibility. Our residents are well connected with walking trails and major roadways nearby, which allows them to easily explore Meyonohk and beyond.



Guiding Principles for Meyonohk

Community-focused spaces



Foster a sense of community by enhancing public spaces to encourage interaction and inclusion for all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Active and engaged lifestyles



Support healthy, vibrant lifestyles with enhanced recreational opportunities that encourage physical and social activity for everyone.

Connectivity and mobility



Strengthen Meyonohk's network of pathways to ensure convenient movement to destinations and public transit.

Eco-friendly design



Integrate eco-friendly infrastructure and green spaces, foster environmental health and resilience, encourage native landscaping and support local ecosystems.

Aesthetic and functional spaces



Design public spaces to blend beauty with function and to create places that are enjoyable and practical for everyday use.

Vibrant commercial spaces



Foster dynamic commercial areas that boost business, attract visitors and provide lively community gathering spots.

Safe and secure environment



Prioritize safety through infrastructure to enhance safety for all residents.

What we heard

During the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage of public engagement, Meyonohk community members were invited to review the neighbourhood design and asked to provide feedback on the extent to which it reflects the Vision and Guiding Principles of the neighbourhood.

While public engagement is not considered a statistical representation of all residents, it does provide the Project Team with an understanding of how people are interacting with the area and how neighbourhood design can be used to address the current and future needs of Meyonohk residents.

The following sections include a summary of what we heard through the community drop-in event, pop-up events, door knocking and the online survey between April 24 and May 15, 2025. The summary has been developed to reflect the relevancy, frequency and diversity of the responses we received based on the feedback provided by participants.

The [design package](#) shared during the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage includes the proposed design presented for public feedback. These designs are not finalized.

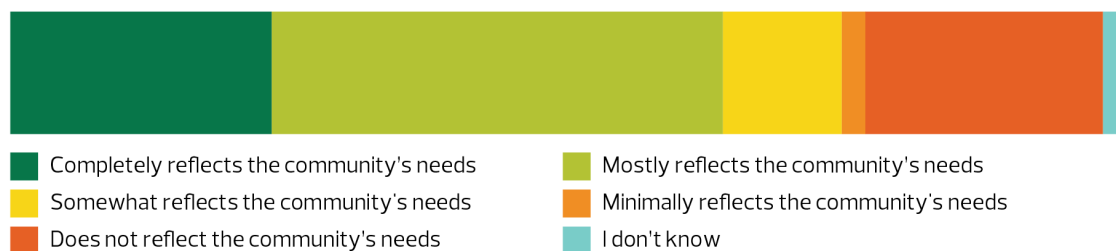
NOTE: All designs presented are subject to funding and approvals.

Walking, rolling and biking improvements

New sidewalks and pathway connections

Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Improve biking connections within Meyonohk and to the broader network with shared pathways + Replace and widen existing sidewalks with ones that meet the City's current standard + Realign Meyonohk Park shared pathways for a more efficient route + Provide wider sidewalks in front of Meyonohk School for convenient student drop off and pick up + Replace and add lighting to sidewalks and pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Some participants shared their support for widening existing sidewalks + Several participants were supportive of the addition of shared pathways and new sidewalks to make for more efficient routes through the neighbourhood and the broader network + Several participants shared ideas for specific areas, such as a pathway connecting the neighbourhood to the 91 Street dog off-leash area + A few participants did not support the proposed design for sidewalks and pathways + Many residents were happy that renewal was coming to fix the sidewalks and pathways

When considering the Vision and Guiding Principles for Meyonohk, more than half of the survey respondents say the draft design for new sidewalks and shared pathways improvements completely or mostly reflects the current and future needs of Meyonohk.



Traffic movement and safety

Meyonohk School drop off

Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Widen shared pathway in front of Meyonohk School + Add drop-off pads for student drop off and pick up by buses and caregivers + Add raised crossings at Lakewood Road and 79 Street + Add curb extensions at 81 Street, 80 Street and 79 Street across Lakewood Road, and on 79 Street at the crosswalk to improve visibility of people crossing roadways, slow traffic and define legal parking + Realign the crosswalk to the north, away from the alley along 79 Street + Add benches and a waste bin in front of the school on Lakewood Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Several participants expressed concern that the proposed design could worsen congestion in front of the school during pick-up and drop-off times + A few participants shared concerns about the impact curb extensions and reducing the road width will have on snow removal + A few participants support curb extensions, saying curb extensions will enhance safety for all users

"The new extended curbs will create greater visibility for those crossing and driving."

– Survey participant

When considering the Vision and Guiding Principles for Meyonohk, half of the survey respondents say that the draft design for Meyonohk School drop off completely or mostly reflects the current and future needs of Meyonohk.



Completely reflects the community's needs

Mostly reflects the community's needs

Somewhat reflects the community's needs

Minimally reflects the community's needs

Does not reflect the community's needs

I don't know

Lakewood Road (excluding school zone)

Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Add a shared pathway on the north side/east side of Lakewood Road + Add a treed boulevard with a sidewalk on the south side/west side of Lakewood Road + Add raised crossings with curb extensions on the north side of Lakewood Road at 27 Avenue, across 26 Avenue and at the park trail crossing on Lakewood Road South (between 83 Street and 85 Street) + Add curb extensions on the south side of Lakewood Road at 27 Avenue, 26 Avenue, 25A Avenue, 85 Street, 83 Street and 78 Street + Add raised crossings on the east side of Lakewood Road across 27 Avenue, across 79 Street and 78 Street and the east side of 78 Street across Lakewood Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Several participants are supportive of the proposed design and how the changes will make the area safer for people who walk, roll, bike and drive + A few participants shared their support for the proposed traffic calming and shared pathway for increased safety for people who walk and people who bike + Some participants are concerned about speeding on Lakewood Road + A few participants shared concerns about how the addition of a shared pathway and treed boulevard may narrow the road and could create more congestion + A few participants shared concerns about the number of trees being added, while others supported tree-lined boulevards + A few participants shared mixed feelings on curb extensions, some are concerned about the impacts on snow removal, while others believe it will encourage slower traffic + A few participants shared their support for the proposed traffic calming and shared pathway for increased safety for people who walk and people who bike + A few participants believe the proposed changes are not needed in Meyonohk

"So happy that the roads and sidewalks are getting done. This will be great for the neighbourhood."

– Resident at pop-up event

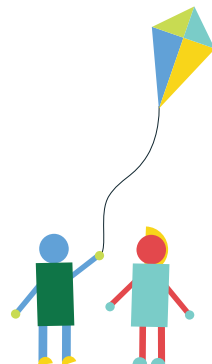
"This roadway is already too narrow, and is even worse in the winter. Making streets narrower is unacceptable in my opinion."

– Survey participant



79 Street

Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Widen existing sidewalk on both sides of 79 Street+ Add landscaped boulevard on the west side of 79 Street between 26 Avenue and 27 Avenue+ Remove a portion of parking along the west side of 79 Street between 26 Avenue and 27 Avenue+ Add three raised crossings at 79 Street across the north and east sides of 27 Avenue, south of 26 Avenue by the school and on the north side of Lakewood Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ A few participants were concerned about the area where parking was removed, as it is next to a multi-unit complex that uses street parking+ A few participants support adding traffic calming to slow down drivers <div><p><i>"Springvale Condominiums only gives one parking space within the parking lot. Normally 79 Street is full with parked cars on a daily basis, where as the east side of the street usually remains empty. I fear removing the parking would lead to lots of illegal unsafe turns just to park at our homes."</i></p><p><i>– Survey participant</i></p></div>



26 Avenue and 27 Avenue

Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + East side of Lakewood Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Add a treed boulevard and sidewalk on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side of 26 Avenue and 27 Avenue + Add a shared pathway connection from 26 Avenue to Mill Woods Road + West side of Lakewood Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Add a treed boulevard and sidewalk on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side of 27 Avenue from the commercial area to Lakewood Road + Add raised crossings with curb extensions at 27 Avenue and Lakewood Road, and across 26 Avenue east of 83 Street at the shared pathway + Add curb extensions on the west side of Lakewood Road at 26 Avenue and 27 Avenue + Add speed tables on 26 Avenue east of 79 Street on 27 Avenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A few participants are supportive of adding boulevards to the neighbourhood to separate people who walk and roll from people who drive and bike + A few participants supported the addition of trees to the boulevard space to add shade in the area + A few participants are concerned narrowing the road could create more congestion

"I like the boulevard style. I also have to park on the street. I don't want the congestion seen in the newer neighbourhoods where only one vehicle can pass at a time causing other vehicles to wait."

– Survey participant

78 Street cul-de-sac

Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Lengthen the existing island to accommodate additional landscape space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A few participants supported the longer island, but would not support a wider island + A few participants were concerned about the movement of garbage trucks and emergency vehicles with the changes to the island

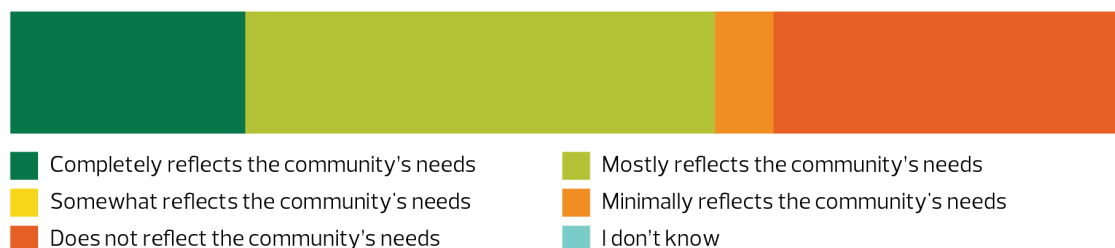
24 Avenue island

Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Add a curb extension to the south side of the corner to provide clear route of travel + Widen the existing island + Add a treed boulevard and sidewalk to a small portion on the north side 24 Avenue, west of 85 Street, to accommodate additional landscaping and add a sidewalk on the south side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A few participants preferred keeping the general design and the island as they are today + A few participants shared concerns that parking would be affected, specifically the north side of the island + A few participants are concerned that visibility for people who drive will be reduced from the proposed narrowing of the road and curb extensions

All other roads

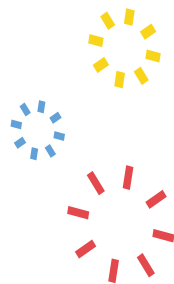
Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Replace and widen existing sidewalks on both sides of the road with ones that meet the City's current standards + Renew existing roadways to current City standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A few participants felt only the sidewalks need replacing, and no other changes are needed to the neighbourhood + Several participants expressed support for new roads and sidewalks in the neighbourhood

When considering the Vision and Guiding Principles for Meyonohk, more than half of the survey respondents say the draft design for local roads completely or mostly reflects the current and future needs of Meyonohk.



Alleys

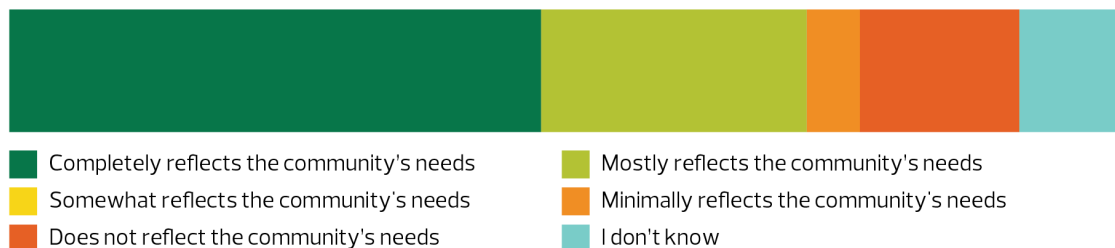
Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Renew existing alleys to current City standards + Add a sidewalk along a portion of the alley between Lakewood Road and 79 Street cul-de-sac 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Several participants were split on adding a sidewalk along a portion of the alley between Lakewood Road and 79 Street cul-de-sac, some believed it was not necessary while others believed it would make people who walk feel safer + Many residents were happy that renewal was coming to fix the alley ways in the neighbourhood



"Having main alleys without a sidewalk is a wise choice. The section that does provide a sidewalk is in a great location."

– Survey participant

When considering the Vision and Guiding Principles for Meyonohk, almost three quarters of the survey respondents say that the draft design for alleys completely or mostly reflects the current and future needs of Meyonohk.



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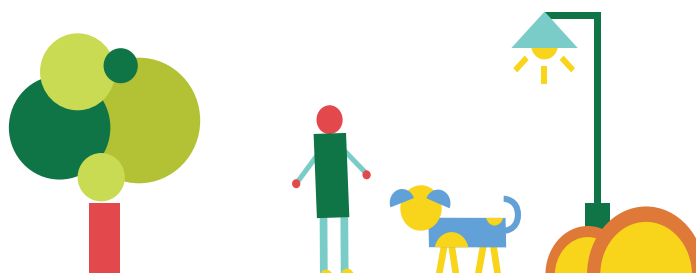
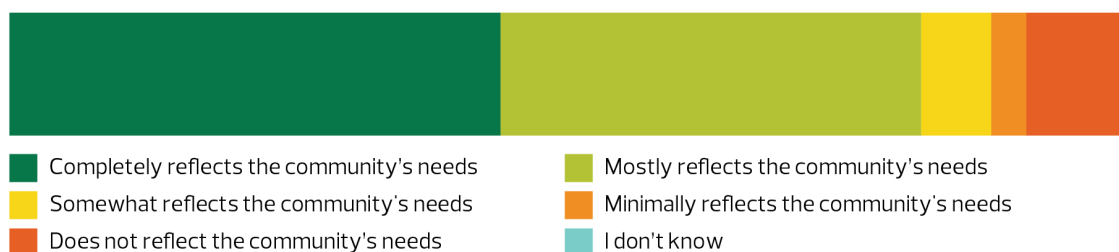


Parks and placemaking

Parks and open space improvements

Proposed design	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Improve and widen existing sidewalks and shared pathways in parks and open spaces + Replace existing sidewalk and shared pathway lighting + Provide seating areas that include an accessible bench and a waste bin at regular intervals along the shared pathways. In some locations, a bike rack may be included + Add new trees in boulevards and in park and open space + Consider naturalization areas in Meyonohk Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Several participants shared their support for more seating areas around the neighbourhood and also believe more waste bins are needed + Several participants shared their support for the proposed design + A few participants shared support for more trees in the neighbourhood parks, specifically along walking paths for shade

When considering the Vision and Guiding Principles for Meyonohk, more than three-quarters of the survey respondents say the draft design for park and open space improvements completely or mostly reflects the current and future needs of Meyonohk.



Other things heard

- + Some participants shared concerns about project costs and potential impacts on property taxes
- + Several participants expressed concern that roads may be narrowed to add treed boulevards, which they felt could make driving less comfortable
- + A number of participants believe the proposed design is unnecessary and only the roads should be repaved and sidewalks renewed, and no other changes are needed

Playground in Meyonohk Park

Many people were happy to hear the playground in Meyonohk Park will also be getting a face-lift. Coordination between the playground and renewal project is ongoing. See edmonton.ca/PlaygroundRenewal for details.

Next steps

Thank you to all who shared their input during the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage of public engagement.

In winter 2026, the public will be invited to learn more about the final design for Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal. During this stage, the Project Team will share the finalized design and may ask for feedback before construction begins.

Property owners interested in the decorative street lighting Local Improvement for their neighbourhood can contact the Project Manager before October 15, 2025, to get more information and find out next steps.

Local Improvement information packages for sidewalk reconstruction and, if there is interest, decorative street lights will be mailed out before the first year of construction. These information packages will include property assessments as well as information about the petition process. To learn more about the Local Improvement process, visit edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements.

For information about Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal, upcoming engagement events and to subscribe to project updates, visit edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk.



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 how we might improve it. We will engage and work with you on the renewal of roads, sidewalks, street lights and park spaces. We will also explore other opportunities to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used.

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