



# Garneau

## Neighbourhood Renewal Project Phase 1: Concept

Community Walk & Ideas Workshop

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Edmonton

# Welcome and Purpose

- To introduce Garneau Neighbourhood Renewal
- To share what we heard from project visioning survey
- To gather feedback to refine draft project vision and principles
- To build upon what we heard and discuss ideas and options for:
  - **Traffic and transportation**
  - **Bike routes and facility types**
  - **Pedestrian experience, missing links and lighting**
  - **Parks and open spaces**

# What is Building Great Neighbourhoods?

Building Great Neighbourhoods (BGN) is a branch of the City of Edmonton, designed to:

- increase vibrancy and improve infrastructure in Edmonton's neighbourhoods, for example roadways and sidewalks.
- takes a holistic approach to making changes beyond infrastructure improvements
- work in partnership with residents to focus on what they want to see.

# Building Great Neighbourhoods

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.

# Garneau Neighbourhood Renewal



# Garneau Scope - Included

## Infrastructure upgrades:

- Regrading and paving of local and collector roads\*
- Sidewalks\*\*
- Standard street lights
- New sidewalks, where missing

## Other potential elements:

- Connections that help move people (walk, bike, drive, transit)
- Improvements to green spaces/parks (trees, furniture, beautification)
- Mitigation for neighbourhood traffic issues
- Decorative street lights\*\*
- Coordination with other neighbourhood projects
- Signal timing and crossings on arterials

*\*Necessary utility work is coordinated prior to Renewal construction*

*\*\*Subject to local improvement outcome*

# Garneau Scope - NOT Included

- Arterial roads: 109 Street, 112 Street, 82 Avenue, 87 Avenue
  - Addressed under a separate program
- Alleys
  - Addressed under a new separate program
  - No date has been set for Garneau
- LRT
- Development / redevelopment on non City-owned land
- Maintenance issues (snow clearing / lawn mowing / waste services)

# Project Phases and Definitions

## Phase 1 Concept

A high-level plan for *what* will be built

## Phase 2 Preliminary Design

A plan that includes exact geometry for roads and sidewalks, as well as specific design elements such as materials

## Phase 3 Build

Construction of the plan

## Phase 4 Operate

Full function of the new neighbourhood design

# Project Phases and Engagement Opportunities

## Road Map to Building Great Neighbourhoods



### LEGEND

Public Engagement and Communications Opportunities

Concept Phase

Design Phase

Build Phase

Operate Phase

# Project Phase 1 Concept: Schedule



# Who Makes the Decisions?

Neighbourhood design decisions → **Building Great Neighbourhoods**

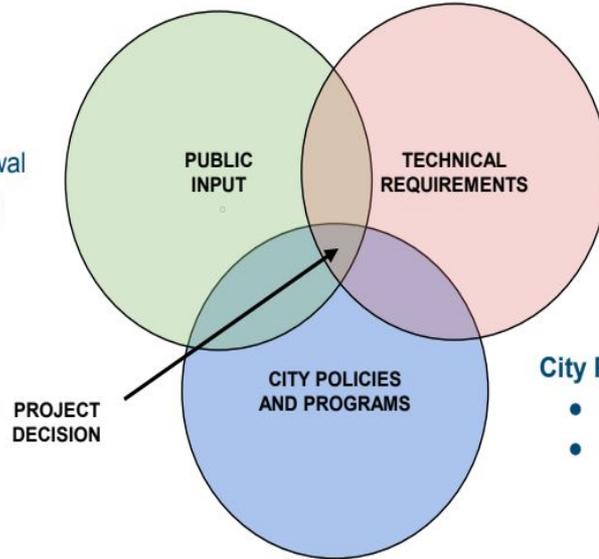
Program funding decisions → **City Council**

**Input into decisions** → Public engagement  
City policies and programs  
Technical requirements

# How Decisions are Made

## Public Engagement Input:

- **Refine** Neighbourhood Renewal vision and important elements
- **Advise** on neighbourhood assets, opportunities and priorities
- **Refine** infrastructure options
- **Advise** on preliminary design
- **Decide** on sidewalk reconstruction local improvement



## Technical Requirements:

- Infrastructure Assessments
- Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards
- Universal Design
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Urban Design Framework

## City Policies and Programs:

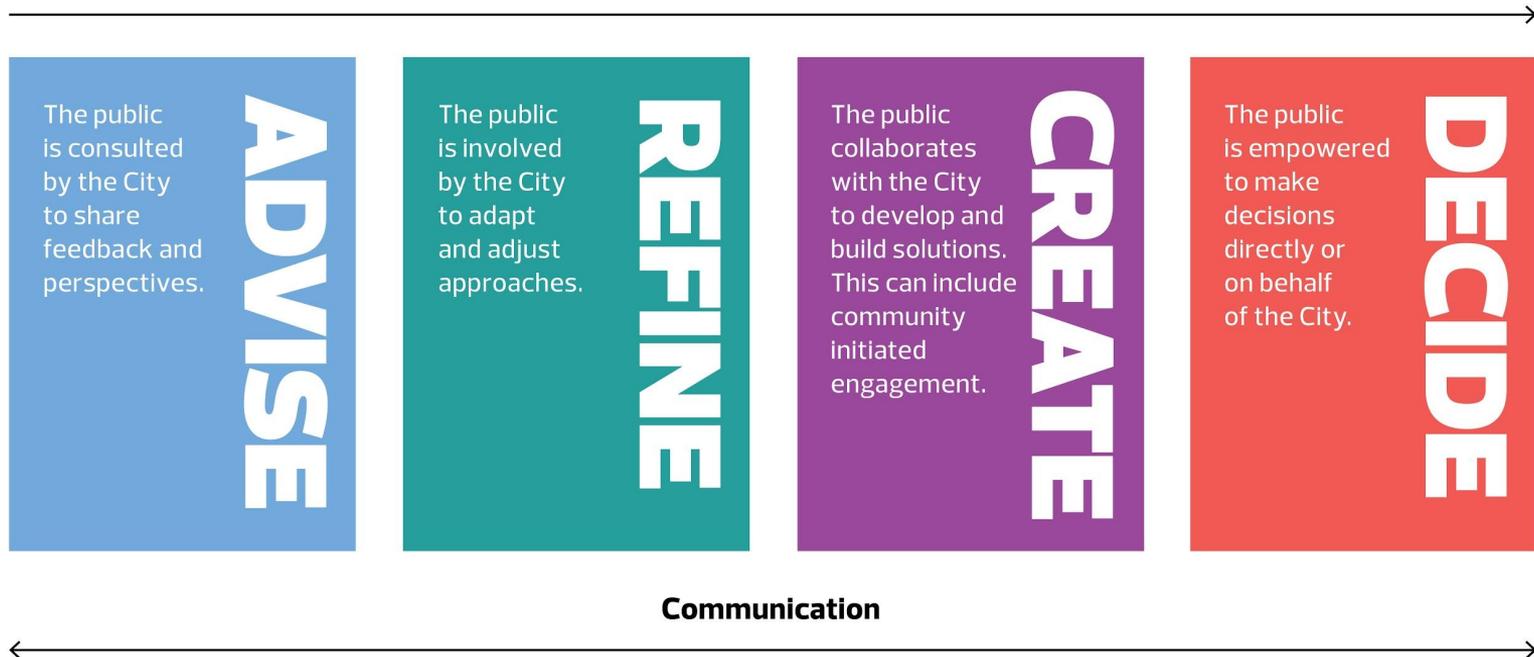
- City's Strategic Plans - The "Ways"
- Active Transportation Policy (Sidewalk Strategy; Bicycle Transportation Plan)
- Local Improvement Policy
- Public Engagement Policy
- Breathe - Green Network Strategy
- Winter City Guidelines
- Vision Zero
- Community Traffic Management Policy

# Edmonton's **Public Engagement Definition**

Public Engagement **creates opportunities** for people to **contribute to decision making** by City Council and Administration about the City's policies, programs, projects, and services, **and communicates how public input is collected and used.**

# Edmonton's Public Engagement Spectrum

Increasing influence of the public



Project Management | Decision Making | Relationships | Capacity Building | Leadership Development

# Sidewalk and Decorative Street Light Local Improvement Levy

- Neighbourhood Renewal is paid for through City-wide property taxes
- Two improvements considered a greater benefit to the local area than the City as a whole are cost-shared by the City and property owners
  - sidewalk reconstruction
  - decorative street lights
- Residents have the opportunity to decide if the local improvements are implemented

# Local Improvement: Sidewalk Reconstruction

- Sidewalk reconstruction is initiated by the City as a primary focus of Neighbourhood Renewal
- However property owners have the choice to not proceed with sidewalk reconstruction—within a designated project area
- Cost information mailed to property owners 4-6 months before construction
- Estimated timing for Garneau - February 2021

## **COST OF SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION**

- Property owners pay 50% of sidewalk reconstruction cost
- Based on the length of sidewalk along property
- Different shaped lots have different methods to calculate cost
- Payment options: one-time, lump sum or property tax levy amortized over 15 years

# Local Improvement: Decorative Street Lights

- **Standard galvanized** street light updates are a primary focus of Neighbourhood Renewal and carry **no cost** to property owners
- A neighbourhood-wide improvement to **decorative** street lights is possible as a **shared cost** by all property owners
- Decorative choices include: pole, arm and colour
- A two-step process, initiated by property owners, determines if decorative street lights are supported by property owners
  - Community preference is identified through Expression of Interest
  - Those who do not support have 30 days to petition
- If the petition is successful, decorative street lights will not be installed.
- If the petition is not successful, a Local Improvement Bylaw will be passed by Council and the decorative street lights will be installed

## COST OF DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTS

- The City contributes the cost equivalent to standard street lights
- Property owners share the incremental cost of decorative upgrade
- Payment options: one-time, lump sum or property tax levy amortized over 15 years

# Decorative Street Lights and Sidewalks Local Improvements - Key dates

**Now - July 2020**

Property owners may initiate process to determine interest in decorative street lights

**July 3, 2020:**

Deadline for neighbourhood submission to City with choice of decorative lighting (pole, arm, color)

**September 4, 2020:**

City sends Expression Of Interest (EOI) notices to registered property owners for the decorative street light

**November 15, 2020:**

Deadline for property owners to submit signed EOI form to the City to approve or reject the decorative street light option

**Jan / Feb 2021:**

30-day local improvement petition period (for both sidewalks and decorative street lights)

# Visioning Survey Results

- Online November/December 2018
- Promoted via Garneau Renewal Newsletter, City project website, other
- 118 Respondents

# What We Heard: Favourite Things

- Trees
- Walkable: Pedestrian Friendly
- Amenities: Restaurants and Shops
- Central Location/Proximity
- Character Homes, History and Aesthetics
- Community Feeling

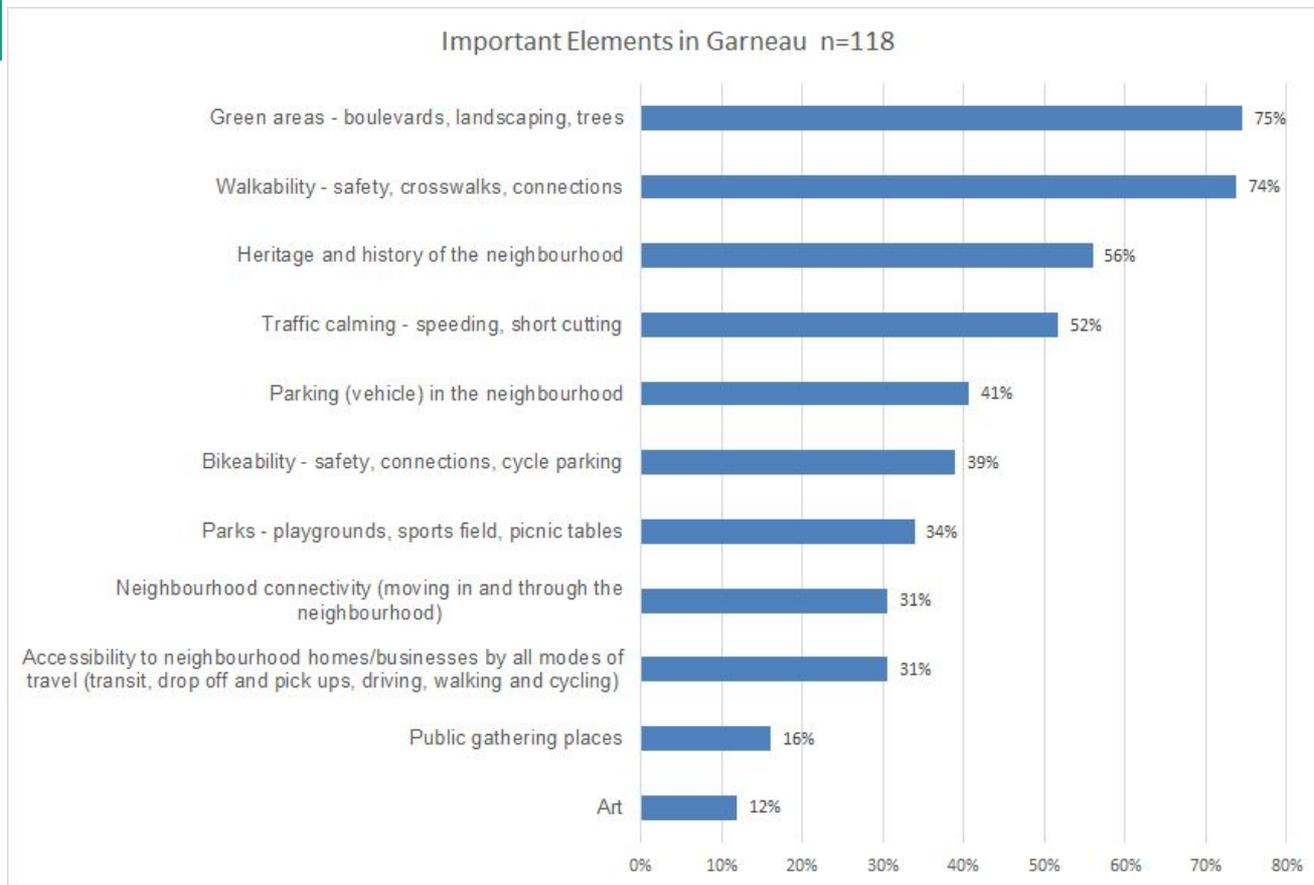
# What We Heard: Challenges

- Parking
- Roads: Poor Condition
- Congestion
- Crime
- Sidewalks: Poor Condition
- Shortcutting
- Missing Sidewalks
- Crosswalks
- Alleys: Poor Condition
- Bike Lanes

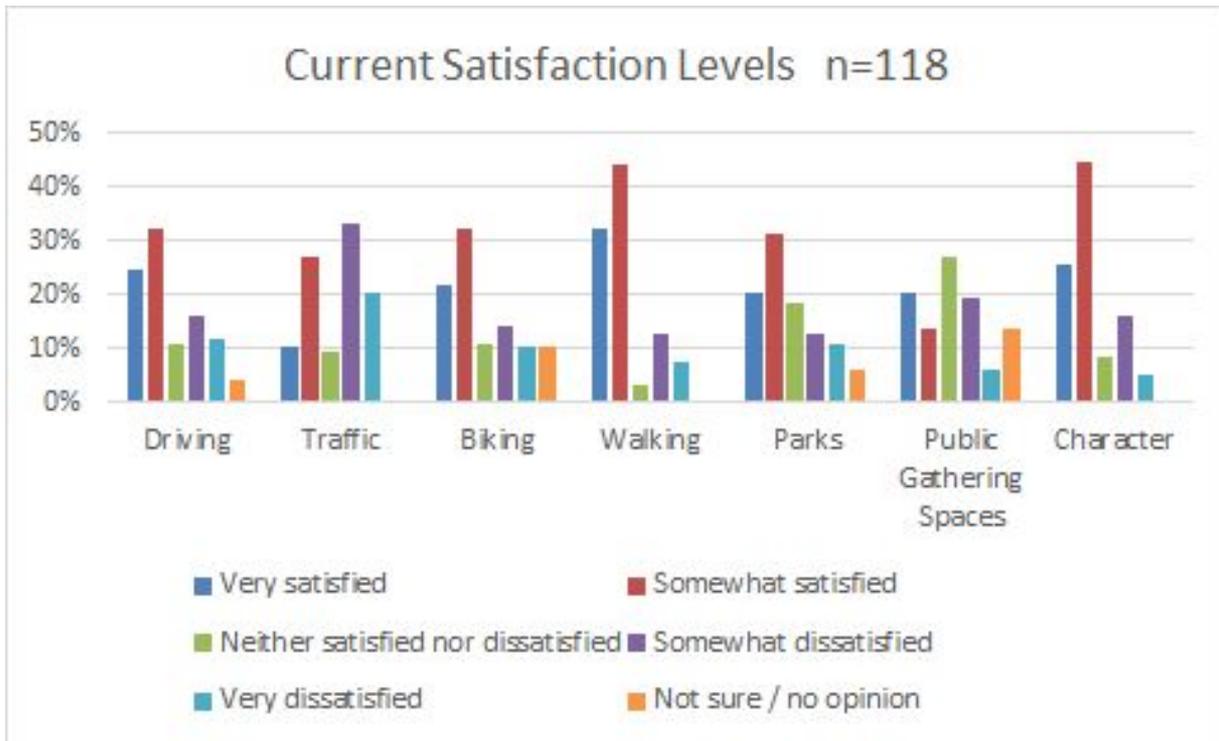
# What We Heard: Changes

- Road Surfaces: Upgrade and Pave
- Lighting: Improve
- Sidewalks: Upgrade and Pave
- Bike Lanes: More
- Parks and Open Space: Add/Improve
- Development: Monitor and Control
- Traffic Calming: Add/Improve
- Pedestrian Friendly: Prioritized
- Parking
- Historical Buildings Maintained

# What We Heard: Important Elements



# What We Heard: Satisfaction Levels



# What We Heard: Driving

- Traffic calming: Reduce speeding, shortcutting
- Traffic flow: Improve access/exit
- Infrastructure: Repair potholes, rough surfaces
- Visibility issues: Remove parking near intersections
- Parking: Prioritize residents
- Bike lanes: Impede traffic flow, reduce

**Locations of concern:** 109 Street, 82 Avenue

# What We Heard: Vehicle Traffic

- Traffic calming: Reduce speeding, shortcutting
- Driver behaviour: More enforcement required
- Traffic flow: Decrease congestion
- Parking: Prioritize residents

## Locations of concern:

82, 86, 84, 85 Avenues

109, 110, 111, 112 Streets

# What We Heard: Biking

- Bike lanes - improve: Need more connections, more protection
- Cyclist behaviour: Enforce infractions, educate cyclists
- Bike lanes - not supported: Prioritize drivers, not cost effective
- Road/bike lane conditions poor: Repair potholes, rough surfaces
- Bike lanes - supported: Like 83 bike lane, add more

# What We Heard: Parks and Open Space

- Existing park/green spaces: Improve maintenance, add amenities, aesthetics; updating required
- New parks/green spaces: Add more parks, playgrounds, open spaces
- Safety: Address transient users/homeless

# What We Heard: Walking

- Pedestrian Safety: Improve crossings, visibility, lighting
- Sidewalk Conditions: Improve maintenance (snow removal), upgrade, pave
- Sidewalk Connections: Add connections, both sides of road
- Pedestrian Experience: Add amenities, aesthetics

**Locations of concern:** 109 Street, 82 Avenue

# What We Heard: Gathering Places

- There are not many: Add more
- Satisfied with current spaces
- Cafes, restaurants - add

# What We Heard: Look and Feel

- Maintain design/history
- Infill housing/high rises - control/limit
- Roads/Sidewalks/Infrastructure - need work
- Overall needs repair/renewal
- Trees, green spaces - maintain/increase
- Maintenance/cleaning needed on homes/businesses

# Neighbourhood Renewal Vision

- The vision for the Garneau Neighbourhood Renewal Project is created by those who live, work and play in Garneau by identifying priorities and values
  - We gathered information on what is important to residents in the visioning survey
  - Survey results were shared with and input was received from the community committee
  - A draft vision and principles was prepared by the project public engagement consultants for refinement by the community committee
  - The draft vision and principles will be further refined through public input at the workshop today and at a larger engagement event in the fall
- Once an agreed upon vision is in place it is used to guide project decisions

# Draft Vision

Garneau is a unique urban village—a welcoming neighbourhood where a diversity of people live, work, learn, shop and play, promoting friendly interactions and a high quality of life.

Pedestrian focused, the neighbourhood is safe, inclusive and accessible for all who walk, bike, drive and use transit, with inviting public spaces that strengthen its sense of community.

Garneau embraces and enhances its beauty, and builds on its rich historic charm and distinct character.

# Draft Principles

1. To provide a safe and enjoyable pedestrian experience that encourages walking.
2. To design safe, user-friendly roadways and intersections that reduce vehicle speeds and discourage shortcutting.
3. To provide safe connections to neighbourhood amenities and destinations for both active and passive modes of travel.
4. To provide infrastructure, street crossings and public spaces that are accessible and safe for all ages, genders and mobility levels, and in all seasons.
5. To enhance/establish public spaces and parks that provide opportunities for community gathering and recreation.
6. To incorporate quality design that protects, preserves and enhances the neighbourhood's history, beauty and natural elements.
7. To prioritize parking for residents visitors with convenient access to buildings on residential streets.

# How Your Input Will be Used

- Input received during the **Visioning Survey, Community Walk** and the **Ideas Workshop** will be used to develop neighbourhood design options
- Design options will be shared and discussed, and input will be invited during Step 2 Engagement: Options and Trade-offs from May to October 2019.
- Watch your mailbox and online for details about engagement opportunities including a public engagement event and online survey in Fall 2019.

Thank you