

ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM

Building Great Neighbourhoods

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OVERVIEW

In 2018, the City of Edmonton approved a renewal program to address the poor condition of its nearly 1,200 kilometres of alleys. This long-term plan will improve alleys city-wide over the next 25 years.

FUNDING

When fully funded, the Alley Renewal program is estimated to be \$22.3 million annually, and is paid for by an increase to the Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy. This levy includes a city-wide contribution, not just a contribution from property owners with alleys. There is no additional cost to property owners at the time of alley renewal.

PRIORITIZATION

Neighbourhood prioritization and scheduling within the Alley Renewal program is primarily based on:

- Average alley neighbourhood condition, as determined by a visual inspection every four years. The program is targeting neighbourhoods with alleys in poor to very poor condition.
- Coordination with utility partners, such as ATCO Gas, EPCOR Water and EPCOR Drainage to ensure Alley Renewal aligns with planned utility work.
- A neighbourhood-wide approach, rather than an alley-by-alley approach, to make construction more efficient and allow for consistency throughout neighbourhoods for future maintenance work.



ALLEY RENEWAL SCOPE

Work you may see in your neighbourhood in preparation for alley renewal includes:

- Utility assessments and repairs
- Land surveys to inform design (including flags and paint markings)
- Drilling small holes to check utility locations
- Tree and shrub pruning and removals as necessary

Alley Renewal will:

- Reconstruct alleys with a new base and hard surface
- Improve surface drainage, where possible
- Upgrade existing alley lighting to LED

Prior to construction, Project Managers will provide information on construction including impacts to alley access and private property (such as driveways and landscaping).

ALLEY WORK OUTSIDE OF THE ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM

Outside of the Alley Renewal program, there are a number of ways for alleys to see improvements:

- Depending on the extent of their work and the condition of the alley, utility companies may be required to reconstruct individual alleys after completing their work.
- Property owners can choose to bypass the Alley Renewal program by requesting that the City initiate a local improvement. An Expression of Interest must then be signed by 50% + 1 of the adjacent residents. If successful, the impacted property owners would be responsible for 100% of the costs and would continue to be responsible for paying the city-wide tax levy.
- Alley maintenance, which includes pothole and patch repairs, will continue to be available by contacting 311.

For further information visit the website:
www.edmonton.ca/AlleyRenewal