



What We Heard

Delton Alley Renewal

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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.

This program, which is estimated at \$22.3 million annually, will be funded by an increase to the Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy. This levy includes a city-wide contribution, not just a contribution from property owners with back alleys.

A renewed alley will:

- + Address surface drainage issues
- + Have a standard 4 metre wide alley, where possible, with a paved surface
- + Replace the material between the alley and property line with the material that was removed during construction
- + Tie-in to driveways
- + Have existing alley lighting upgraded to LED fixtures

Working together to make the most of your neighbourhood

Building Great Neighbourhoods wants to understand the specific needs of each local alley renewal project. Residents and property owners in Delton were invited to share their feedback at a meeting at the Delton Community League Hall on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 and were also invited to provide input by phone or email to the Project Manager by December 5, 2019. Residents asked questions of the project team, provided feedback to project team questions and marked comments and locations on maps to show the project team where areas of focus on the existing alley. EPCOR Water also attended the event to answer questions about their utility and alley renewal work. The Alley Renewal team has used the community feedback gathered at the meeting to help **ADVISE** design and construction.

*Feedback gathered will help **ADVISE** design and construction.*

What we asked

Questions asked at the meeting included:

- + How do you use your alley?
- + Do you have any current concerns or issues when using your alley?
- + During construction, is there anything that we need to be aware of?
- + Is there anything we should know about your backyard prior to construction? (e.g. animals, hobbies, events, landscaping, or other)
- + How did you hear about the alley renewal engagement event?
- + What did you enjoy about the alley renewal engagement event?
- + Please identify any improvements we could make for future alley renewal public engagement activities.

What we heard

28 residents and property owners attended the meeting. 10 people responded by phone or email to the City's Project Manager.

Community interests included:

- + Understanding how alley renewal improvements are funded
- + Improving drainage issues: water pooling, flooding, etc.
- + Adding sidewalk connections from the alley to 97 Street
- + Understanding the alley impacts from the Yellowhead Renewal project and associated noise wall construction
- + Improving the poor surface condition of the alleys to enhance everyday use and activities including garbage and recycling collection
- + Identifying needs for residents with accessibility concerns
- + Understanding construction timing
- + Understanding utility coordination, as well as EPCOR Water's renewal in the area
- + Understanding why some alleys are not included in the project
- + Accessing driveways and garages during construction
- + Identifying concerns for limited street parking during construction
- + Understanding possible impacts to structures (fences, walls, landscaping, driveways and buildings)
- + Understanding the replacement of materials or structures removed during construction

28 people attended the event to learn more, ask questions and give feedback. 10 people reached out to the Project Manager via phone or email.

- + Understanding the options for alley lighting upgrades
- + Identifying other concerns for alleys such as traffic shortcutting and theft

What we did

Your feedback was used to **ADVISE** the final design and will be considered during the construction of the alleys to address access and impacts to properties.

The project team explored the option of installing a sidewalk connection between the alley west of 96 Street and 97 Street. However due to existing constraints (power poles, utility boxes, etc.) and limited available road right-of-way (City-owned land), a sidewalk meeting current City standards and safety requirements could not be accommodated.

Investigation of some alleys that were not initially included in the Delton Alley Renewal project, is currently ongoing. If work to improve those alleys proceeds, residents and property owners will be notified through a construction bulletin.

Next steps

Alley renewal in Delton will start in 2020. *During construction, alleys will be unavailable for a minimum of four weeks.*

Bulletins will be distributed at the start of construction season to inform residents of the proposed timelines of alley renewal work. A second construction bulletin will be delivered approximately one week prior to the start of work at your property.

The work for the renewal can vary from alley to alley.

Possible activities leading up to alley renewal include:

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

During construction:

- + Expect your alley will be inaccessible for a minimum of four weeks
- + Garbage and recycling collection will be moved to front streets
- + Parking will be unavailable in the alley (please contact us to discuss any accessibility concerns)

Once the work is complete, City residents will enjoy improved access and use of the alley.

For further information visit the website: edmonton.ca/alleyrenewal.

Thank you for sharing your feedback. We look forward to renewing your alley in 2020!