What we heard report heard report Lorelei & Beaumaris neighbourhood renewal

Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event Draft Concept Designs Event

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Background

Beginning in 2020, Lorelei and Beaumaris will experience Neighbourhood Renewal. Through the City of Edmonton's Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces branch, the Neighbourhood Renewal program will rehabilitate roads, replace street lights, curb and gutters, repair sidewalks, and connect missing sidewalk links where possible in Lorelei and Beaumaris.

Cost sharing opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street light upgrades in the neighbourhoods. Other opportunities to improve City-owned parks and public spaces will also be explored.







Roadmap to Building Great Neighbourhoods

The Neighbourhood Renewal program follows the roadmap below. Most recently we explored options and tradeoffs to create a design for your neighbourhood.



Public engagement activity timeline

NOVEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019

Community Walk, Vision and Guiding Principles Workshop and Online Survey

- + Develop and build solutions with us regarding a vision and guiding principles
- + Help us improve our understanding of what infrastructure exists in the neighbourhood

FEBRUARY 2019

Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event

- + Help us improve and finalize the vision and guiding principles
- Adapt and adjust our approach to identify opportunities and challenges

MAY 2019

Draft Concept Designs Event

- + Help us refine the draft concept designs and confirm that they align with the vision and principles
- + Help us prioritize the potential improvements to the the neighbourhood

LATE 2019

Preliminary designs

- + Share feedback and perspectives on the preliminary designs
- + Make a choice on the decorative street light expression of interest

EARLY 2020 (LORELEI) & EARLY 2021 (BEAUMARIS)

Pre-Construction Event

- + Share feedback and perspectives on construction considerations
- + Make a decision on the local improvement petitions for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street lights

A What We Heard Report was created in January 2019 for the first activities, which is available online at: edmonton.ca/**BuildingLoreleiBeaumaris**





What we have done so far

Community Walk, Vision and Guiding Principles Workshop and Online Survey

We asked people to help us co-create a vision and guiding principles for the neighbourhood to define what is meaningful for the community. We also refined our understanding of what exists in the neighbourhood, as well as how people move around, their feeling of safety, and access to services and recreation.

Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event

We asked people to help us refine the final vision and guiding principles and refine our approach to opportunities and challenges that we heard previously to inform the development of draft concept designs.

Draft Concept Designs Event

We collected feedback on the draft concept designs including how they reflect the final vision and guiding principles and engaged in a benefits and tradeoffs discussion to help us refine the draft concept designs over Summer 2019.

Public engagement spectrum



Public engagement for neighbourhood renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris is based on the public engagement spectrum. The spectrum defines people's role in the engagement process and how we will use feedback to design solutions for neighbourhood renewal.

Community Walk, Vision and Guiding Principles Workshop and Online Survey

What we did

A community walk and workshop was held on November 28, 2018 at the Ecole Bishop Savaryn Catholic School from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. A survey was also available online from November 28, 2018 to January 9, 2019, for those who could not attend the workshop.

- + The community walk included a guided walk around Lorelei and Beaumaris to develop a better understanding of the neighbourhood.
- + The workshop and survey focused on developing a vision and guiding principles and identifying opportunities for improvements.

What we asked

We asked people to help us create a vision and guiding principles for the future of Lorelei and Beaumaris and to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and constraints that exist in the neighbourhoods.

What a great start! More than 35 people shared their ideas on the vision, guiding principles and opportunity areas for neighbourhood renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris.

- + More than 20 people joined us on our walk and workshop
- + More than 180 ideas were shared

"People enjoy walking in the community and being able to take advantage of the lake at all times of the year. Many people will walk to do their shopping so the area is a very active whether it be around the lake or just around the neighbourhood streets."

Draft vision statement and guiding principles

The draft vision statement and guiding principles were developed based on feedback from the Community Walk, Vision and Guiding Principles Workshop and Online Survey. For more information on how they were developed please refer to the What We Heard report from January 2019.

Draft vision statement

Lorelei and Beaumaris are family-friendly neighbourhoods that welcome people of all ages and backgrounds. We are a safe and walkable community that is connected to key destinations like parks, schools and commercial areas. We are an active and vibrant community that enjoys nature and getting together with our neighbours.

Draft guiding principles



Creating year round opportunities to Celebrating nature and preserving be active throughout the community trees and open spaces





Feeling safe and having well-lit spaces



Reflecting on the history and character of the neighbourhood



Making the roads safer for all users (people who walk, bike, drive)



Having viable options to walk, bike and drive



Creating places for the community to Creating easy access to come together and gather



Improving the connectivity to other neighbourhoods and nearby amenities



neighbourhood destinations such as commercial areas, schools, parks and **Beaumaris** Lake

Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event

What we did

We held a public event on February 28, 2019 at Lorelei School from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

- + The public event included interactive panels and table map activities focused on confirming the vision and guiding principles and determining what activities people like to do in the opportunity areas and what improvements could be made to address the gaps/needs within the neighbourhood. The opportunity areas that were shared at the event were categorized into the following themes:
- + Parks and open space
- + Connectivity and corridors
- + Moving around your neighbourhood
- + Placemaking

Thanks for coming out! More than 35 people shared their ideas on the vision confirmation and community options for neighbourhood renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris.

- + More than 140 ideas were shared
- Event participants were given dots to select the guiding principles they related to the most.
 More than 50 dots were used to help refine the guiding principles

"Thank you for giving us a chance to give feedback!"

What we asked

We asked people to confirm the draft vision statement and guiding principles and to let us know if anything needs to be revised or improved upon.

What we heard

Draft vision statement

We heard that people were generally supportive of the draft vision statement. We also heard that connectivity is important for people who drive. This is supported through a vision for a neighbourhood that is connected to key destinations like parks, schools and commercial areas, and is further reinforced by the guiding principle to have viable options to walk, bike and drive.

Draft guiding principles

We heard that all of the guiding principles were important to at least some people. However, some were more important than others. The most important guiding principles included:

- + Feeling safe and having well-lit spaces
- + Celebrating nature and preserving trees and open spaces
- + Having viable options to walk, bike and drive
- + Improving the connectivity to other neighbourhoods and nearby amenities
- + Creating easy access to neighbourhood destinations such as commercial areas, schools, parks and Beaumaris Lake



How we used the feedback

Final vision statement

We upheld the vision statement keeping in mind connectivity includes all the ways people move around.

Final guiding principles

We removed the two least important principles, so that we can focus on what was most important to people.

The two principles that we removed were:

- + Creating year round opportunities to be active throughout the community
- + Reflecting on the history and character of the neighbourhood

We also merged the following two principles:

- + Having viable options to walk, bike, and drive
- + Improving the connectivity to other neighbourhoods and nearby amenities

The **final guiding principles** are provided below.



Making the roads safer for all users (people who walk, bike, drive)



Celebrating nature and preserving trees and open spaces



Feeling safe and having well-lit spaces



Creating places for the community to come together and gather



Improving connectivity by having viable options to walk, bike and drive within and surrounding the neighbourhood



Creating easy access to neighbourhood destinations such as commercial areas, schools, parks and Beaumaris Lake

Opportunity areas

What we asked

We asked people to share feedback on how they use the opportunity areas, and what improvements they would like to see in these spaces.

What we heard

We heard a lot about the improvements and considerations that people would like us to think about for the opportunity areas, and have summarized these responses below. We have also included responses to how feedback informed the draft concept designs.

Connectivity and corridors

Opportunity areas	Improvements/considerations	How we used your feedback	
Pathway and connections	 Better lighting, seating, and waste receptacles near pathways to provide amenities for people who walk and bike Wayfinding signage to highlight the connectivity throughout the neighbourhood Washrooms around the lake to provide an amenity for people who walk and bike Completing the pathway connection on Castle Downs Road to improve connectivity Grading/drainage issues (which can lead to icy pathways) and reduce accessibility 	 Draft concept designs included: Improvements to the connections along the utility corridor, Beaumaris Lake, Beaumaris Park, Lorelei Park and the existing pathway to the north of 164 Avenue Seating, waste receptacles, and wayfinding signage at key destinations along the pathway connections A new sidewalk to finish the pathway connection along Castle Downs Road We considered drainage as the draft concept designs were further refined and built out 	
Amenities along shared use path	 Better lighting, seating, and waste receptacles near pathways to provide amenities for people who walk and bike Grading/drainage issues (which can lead to icy pathways) and reduce accessibility 	 Draft concept designs included: Seating, waste receptacles, and lighting near existing and proposed shared use paths to create a more connected network for people to walk or bike We considered drainage and the need for repairs of existing pathways as the draft concept designs were further refined and built out 	
Shared use path connectivity	 A shared use path or sidewalk on the west side of 97 Street to make it safer for people to walk and bike and to improve the overall connectivity of the neighbourhood An uninterrupted shared use path along the utility corridor to make it easier for people to walk and bike A shared use path connection between 97 Street and Mary Butterworth School 	 Draft concept designs included: A shared use path connection where there is a missing link along the utility corridor to better connect people who walk and bike to Lorelei Park and other destinations A pathway on the west side of 97 Street 	

Parks and open space

Opportunity areas	Improvements/considerations	How we used your feedback
Connections to Beaumaris Lake	 Wayfinding signage that people are able to interact with, possibly by sharing historic information about the neighbourhood or key destinations A vendor space near the lake to enhance placemaking Crossing improvements and curb bump outs to improve safety Better lighting and improvements to security to make the area seem more safe and less inviting to crime 	 Draft concept designs included: Crossing improvements and traffic calming measures (ie. curb extensions, raised crosswalks) along Beaumaris Road A more inviting entrance to the lake from the east by providing landscaping, crossing improvements and pedestrian amenities We shared your feedback for improvements in the direct vicinity of the lake with the Beaumaris Lake Rehabilitation Project Team
Beaumaris Park	 Crossing improvements to help enhance visibility for people who walk, including many children that play soccer in the park Streetscape improvements to reduce speeding along the curve from 100 Street to 155 Avenue near the park Additional low maintenance landscaping within the park to enhance the natural environment Better lighting and improvements to security to make the area more safe and less inviting to crime, especially areas of the park that are hidden 	 Draft concept designs included: Crossing improvementand traffic calming measures (ie. curb extensions, raised crosswalks) between 100 Street and 155 Avenue to slow down drivers and make it easier to get to the park We considered additional lighting in Beaumaris Park, although it was not included in the draft concept designs.
Utility corridor	 Interesting features such as an off-leash dog park or community garden along the corridor to draw people into this space A shared use path along the corridor that connects to 97 Street to improve connectivity within the neighbourhood and to surrounding key destinations A pathway loop around Lorelei and Beaumaris to make it easier for people to walk or bike 	 Draft concept designs included: A shared use path connection along the Green Corridor (utility corridor) where there is a missing link that also connects to 97 Street An off-leash dog park along the corridor, as well as landscaping, lighting, seating, and waste receptacles
Lorelei park	 Better lighting, seating, and waste receptacles in the park to provide amenities for people who walk and bike and make it easier for community members to get together Improvements to the playground to support the schools and enhance the space for children Grading/drainage issues (which can lead to icy pathways) and reduce accessibility – specifically along the sidewalk near the rowhouses to the south of the playground 	 Draft concept designs included: An east to west pathway within Lorelei Park, as well as landscaping, lighting, seating and waste receptacles We also proposed an upgraded playground and crossing improvements to nearby intersections We considered drainage as the draft concept designs were further refined and built out

Moving around your neighbourhood

Opportunity areas	Improvements/considerations	How we used your feedback	
Intersections and roads	 Street design improvements to reduce speeding along Beaumaris Road and enhance visibility for people who walk and bike, without limiting access to driveways along the street. Intersection improvements at 158 Avenue and 100 Street to improve safety as many collisions occur here throughout the year 	 Draft concept designs included: Crossing improvements and traffic calming measures along Beaumaris Road, 109 Street and 100 Street, as well as pedestrian crossing improvements near other key destinations. We considered drainage as the draft concept designs are refined and built out 	
	 Grading/drainage issues (which can lead to icy sidewalks) and reduce accessibility 		
Placemaking			
Opportunity areas	Improvements/considerations	How we used your feedback	

Draft Concept Designs Event

What we did

We held an public event on May 8, 2019 at Lorelei School from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

 The public event included interactive panels that shared the overall neighbourhood concept including all the draft concept designs within the neighbourhood. We also engaged in a discussion around benefits and tradeoffs to gather feedback on the draft concept designs.

What we asked

We asked people:

- + Do the draft concept designs reflect the vision and guiding principles?
- + Do you like or dislike the draft concept designs and why?
- + Is anything missing?
- + Which five draft concept designs are the most important to them?

What a great turnout! More than 95 people shared their ideas on 11 Draft Concepts Designs for neighbourhood renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris.

- + More than 210 ideas were shared
- Event participants were given dots to select the draft concept designs that were most important to them. More than 200 dots were used to help prioritize the draft concept designs

"Good idea! Love the curb extensions. They really help with pedestrian safety. The landscaping is also nice and helps draw attention to the park."

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Overall neighbourhood concept

The overall neighbourhood concept included all of the draft concept designs, as well as potential new sidewalks, crossing and intersection improvements, and pathway improvements.



- 2 Green Corridor West3 Lorelei Park
- Park Connections
- 5 Beaumaris Road Gateway Design
- 6 Beaumaris Lake Connection
- 8 164 Avenue Commercial Hub
- 9 97 Street Shared-use Path Connection
- 10 Castle Downs Road to Beaumaris Lake Connection
- 1 Beaumaris Park Connections

What we heard

Draft concept designs

We received a lot of feedback on what people liked and disliked about the draft concept designs and why (which often included how they related to the guiding principles), as well as what was missing. We have summarized what we heard below.

Concept	Why do you like or dislike it?	What is missing?	Other considerations
Green Corridor – East	 Like that the shared use path will increase usage of the green space and enhance connectivity within and surrounding the neighbourhood Like the dog park because it will be well-used Concern that the dog park may be too small and the smell may be a problem for nearby homeowners Concern that traffic noise along 97 Street is unpleasant and may affect the experience in this space 	 Community garden Play structure or climbing boulders Public art Water fountain or bird bath Flowers Considerations for renewable energy (ie. solar panels) 	 Need to ensure accessibility for people who walk and bike when crossing the streets that intesect this corridor (ie. rolled curbs) Believe that lighting needs to be improved (addressed in concept) Need to consider the maintenance of waste receptacles
Green Corridor – West	 + Like that the shared use path will increase usage of the green space and enhance connectivity within and surrounding the neighbourhood + Like the idea of extending the walkway along the green corridor (utility corridor) + Like the landscaping 	 Community garden Public art Flowers Water fountain or bird bath Considerations for renewable energy (ie. solar panels) Dog park Fruit shrubs 	 Need to make sure that the improvements are age friendly and suitable for all ages Need to consider the amount of space buses need to pull-in and turn when designing curb extensions Believe that lighting needs to be improved (addressed in concept)
Lorelei Park	 Like that the new pedestrian pathway will make it easier to access the field Like the raised crosswalk near the school Like the seating, lighting, landscaping, waste receptacles and the upgraded playground Dislike the curb extensions and raised crosswalks, as it is not necessary to slow down drivers during non-school hours 	 Picnic table or benches near the hill in the park Entrance signage near Bishop Savaryn Flowers Public Art Considerations for renewable energy (ie. solar panels) 	 Flooding is an issue along sidewalk near the row houses to the south of the playground Need to consider line-of-sight when planting trees to make the area safer. Upgrades to the playground would need to be led by the community

Concept	Why do you like or dislike it?	What is missing?	Other considerations
Park Connections	 + Like the high visibility crossings and raised crosswalks and that the concept makes it easier for bikes to cross Beaumaris Road + Like the seating, lighting, landscaping, waste receptacles, and wayfinding signage + Like that the improvements will enhance connectivity and safety + Concern that the curb extensions are not necessary and will make the road too narrow and difficult to snow plow in the winter 	 Community Garden Play structure or climbing boulders Public art Water fountain or bird bath Flowers Considerations for renewable energy (ie. solar panels) 	 Would like to see the improvement at the additional potential location (Beaumaris Road - west of Stirling Road) Believe that pedestrian crosswalk signs should be installed instead of the raised crosswalks Believe that the improvements to location B on the map (Beaumaris Road - south of 156 Ave), are not necessary, because not enough people cross here
Beaumaris Road Gateway Design	 Better street lights and crossing improvements to improve safety Need garbage cans Like the curb extensions and raised crosswalks to help improve visibility for people crossing the street Concern that the Beaumaris signs well be vandalized if they are repaired Concern that the curb extensions are not necessary and will make the road too narrow and difficult to snow plow in the winter 	 Bike path along Beaumaris Road Waste receptacles 	 Believe that pedestrian crosswalk signs should be installed instead of the raised crosswalks
Beaumaris Lake Connection	 + Like that the improvements make the area more attractive and well- connected + Like that the improvements will enhance sight lines and reduce speeding to make the crossing safer for people accessing the lake + Like that the improvements could reduce the amount of crime in the area by making it a more welcoming space + Like the wayfinding signage, decorative crossing and boulevard trees to create a nice entrance + Concern that there will not be enough parking in the summer 	 Accessible parking Lighting Considerations for renewable energy (ie. solar panels) Waste receptacles Benches 	 Believe that the area will still need more policing and surveillance to reduce criminal activity Would like to see additional lighting as the tree canopy can make it darker throughout the neighbourhood Should consider the improvements (such as waste receptacles and benches) that will be made near the lake through the Beaumaris Lake Rehabilitation Project

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Concept	Why do you like or dislike it?	What is missing?	Other considerations
Beaumaris Road Commercial Hub	 Like the traffic calming features and the overall design of the concept Concern that the curb extensions will reduce the amount of parking and that there is not enough parking currently 	 Considerations for renewable energy (ie. solar panels) Four way stop Wayfinding sign (to get to Beaumaris Lake) 	 Need to consider the space that buses need to pull-in/turn when designing curb extensions Should consider a four way stop for additional traffic calming
164 Avenue Commercial Hub	 Like the crossing improvements and the overall design of the concept Like that the curb extensions and painted crosswalks will improve safety Like that the design of all of the draft concept designs are unified throughout the neighbourhood 	+ Waste receptacles	 Concern about the speed of vehicles along 164 Avenue
97 Street Shared Use Path	 Like that the path improves walkablity and the connectivity of the neighbourhood and makes it easy and safe for people to walk, bike and stay active Dislike that the shared use path does not extend all the way to 153 Avenue (on the west side of 97 Street) 	+ Public washrooms	 Need to consider connecting with the path to the north of 167 Avenue on 97 Street
Castle Downs Road o Beaumaris Lake Connection	 Like that the improvements enhance connectivity and will make the pathway more accessible for users (including seniors from the nearby living facility) Like that the improvements enhance the connectivity from Beaumaris Lake to the YMCA on the other side of Castle Downs Road 	 Shared use path Benches Considerations for renewable energy (ie. solar panels) Public art Wayfinding signage (to Beaumaris Lake) 	 Need to consider the pathway getting icy in winter because of drainage issues Believe that the pathway should be redeveloped into a shared use path Should consider a bike path along Castle Downs Road

Concept	Why do you like or dislike it?	What is missing?	Other considerations
Beaumaris Park Connections	 Like that the curb extensions and raised crosswalks will make it safer for people to walk and cross the street Like that the landscaping will help to draw attention to the park Concern that upgrades within the park could attract vandalism and graffiti 	 Paved path within Beaumaris Park Signage (to warn and slow down drivers approaching the curve) Additional lighting and raised crosswalks 	 Concern about speeding around the curve between 155 Avenue and 100 Street Should consider paving existing granular pathways within the park as this would be more accessible for users Should maintain the memorial benches and trees in the park Concern that the toboggan hill is too steep
Potential New Sidewalks and Connections	 Like the shared use path to enhance connectivity throughout the neighbourhood 	 Wayfinding signs (to get to Beaumaris Lake) 	 Believe that 155 Avenue and Beaumaris Road needs a lot of work as it is extremely busy with people who walk, bike and drive Should consider a sidewalk between Beaumaris Road and the fire station and the east side of 109 Street between 164 and 165 Avenue (addressed in concept) Need to consider that some homeowners may not want additional sidewalks along the cul-de-sacs as they believe that they are not necessary. Need to consider improvements to the pathway between 153 and 154 Avenue - next to the commercial area in southwest Beaumaris)

Additional feedback

We also heard that people would like to see:

- + Improvements to Peggy Holmes Park
- + Public washrooms near the lake
- + Maintenance for new and existing landscaping and trees
- + A smart and sustainable neighbourhood that considers renewable energy
- + Opportunity for coordination of construction with driveway reconstruction
- + Increased maintenance of trees, landscaping and waste receptacles

We passed this information on to various departments within the City for further considerations. We will also consider this feedback as we proceed with the design and build of neighbourhood renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris.

What we heard

Prioritization exercise

Event participants were given five dot stickers to place on the most important draft concept designs for them. Below are the results (number of dots used):



How we will use the feedback

We will use the feedback as one of the considerations when refining the draft concept designs, in addition to City policies and programs, technical requirements, and funding.



Next steps

The next steps for renewal for Lorelei and Beaumaris will include:

Creating a design for your neighbourhood - summer 2019

+ Refine the concept designs and begin work to develop the preliminary designs for the neighbourhood.

Preliminary Designs Public Event - late 2019

- + Share and gather feedback on the preliminary designs
- + Submit expression of interest form for decorative streetlights

Pre-construction Public Event - early 2020 & early 2021

- + Share information about the neighbourhood renewal construction process
- + Make a decision on sidewalk reconstruction and decorative streetlights

Please note that construction for Lorelei will begin in early 2020, while construction for Beaumaris will begin in early 2021.

SUMMER 2019

Refining concepts into preliminary designs

LATE 2019

Preliminary Designs Public Event

Expression of interest for decorative street lights

EARLY 2020 (Lorelei only)

Pre-Construction Public Event

Local improvement decision for decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction

EARLY 2021 (Beaumaris only)

Pre-Construction Public Event

Local improvement decision for decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction



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, street lights, 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.

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