

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter Issue #2 – March 2022

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Baturyn's Final Design is coming soon!

Through the Building Great Neighbourhoods Branch, the Neighbourhood Renewal Program rehabilitates your residential roads, replaces street lights, repairs sidewalks and, where possible, connects missing sidewalk links. Alley Renewal will also be included as part of this project and involves alley reconstruction and repaving, improvements to surface drainage, where possible, and upgrading of existing lighting to LED fixtures. Other opportunities to improve parks and public spaces are also explored. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2023.

Planning has been under way for Baturyn's Neighbourhood Renewal since the summer of 2020. There have been multiple opportunities to provide your input on the future of Baturyn, and we thank everyone who provided feedback up to this point. You can view the What We Heard report from the most recent engagement, **Community Feedback on Draft Design** at edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn.

The project team is busy working on the final design for Baturyn. We have reviewed City policies, resident and stakeholder feedback, and considered technical opportunities and constraints into a final design for the neighbourhood. Coming in April 2022, the final design will show you how each proposed improvement for walking, biking, rolling, driving, playing and gathering, work together as a system to provide the best neighbourhood experience for all users.

In this newsletter, we will share with you a summary of the engagement activities from the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage, and invite you to participate in the upcoming engagement where we will show you the final design. There are also details about cost-sharing opportunities, including sidewalk improvements, decorative street lights and street blades.

How is Neighbourhood Renewal paid for?

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program is paid for through a City-wide property tax reserve fund dedicated to the program. However, two specific improvements – decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction – are cost-shared by the City and property owners in the neighbourhood, as they are considered a Local Improvement.

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Seating area west of 109 Street





Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal Schedule

NOVEMBER 2020
Building a Community Vision Together and Exploring Opportunities

APRIL – JUNE 2021
Exploring Options and Trade-offs

NOVEMBER 2021
Community Feedback on Draft Design

WE ARE HERE

SPRING 2022
Community Feedback on Final Design

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2023
Preparing for Construction & Local Improvement Decisions

SPRING 2023 – FALL 2025
Construction on Your Streets



What's next?

Community Feedback on Final Design

In April 2022, we will be ready to share the final design for your feedback. During this phase, we will ask the public to **ADVISE** if there are any additional changes that may be needed to best reflect the community Vision and Guiding Principles before finalizing the plan.

Here are the engagement opportunities we have planned for this phase:

Learn about and share your feedback on the final design:

Available **April 15 – 30, 2022**. To learn more and sign up for project updates, visit edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn.



Final Design Package

A final design package will be posted on the project website for your viewing. The information will include the final design for all of the proposed improvements for sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, bike routes, measures used to slow traffic, school drop-off areas, parks and open spaces, placemaking opportunities and enhancements to alleys.



Online Survey

Tell us what you think about the proposed changes for Baturyn. The survey can be accessed from the project website at edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn.



Final Design Engagement Opportunity

Join us on April 21 or 23 to hear details about the final design and provide your feedback to members of the project team. Advance registration required. Watch for sign up details on the project webpage in April.



Have a question for our project team?

Ask your questions by filling out the online form on our project website and our project team will respond. You may also call **311** to arrange a conversation with a project team member.

No online access?

If you do not have online access, please contact **311** to be connected with a project team member to arrange for a paper copy of the survey and final design package to be delivered to you in April 2022.

"I...appreciate the opportunities allotted for input from the residents in the area. Very organized and well designed."



Public engagement in Baturyn

In fall 2020, the project team began reaching out to the residents of Baturyn to gather local knowledge and experiences to help guide Neighbourhood Renewal decision making. We received thousands of comments and questions over the last two years and, while the following does not capture each and every individual concern or request, it does highlight some themes we consistently heard.

Baturyn residents told us:

- + They want the City to consider the need for resident parking, preserving mature trees and the accessibility needs of residents
- + They desire improvements to the condition of the residential roads, a reduction in speeding and upgrades to roads and intersections where congestion frequently occurs
- + They feel that safety could be improved at some pedestrian and shared pathway crossings
- + They would like to see widened pathways to create a better experience for those who walk and roll
- + They would like to see enhanced and additional lighting throughout the neighbourhood to improve the feeling of safety
- + They would appreciate additional seating areas, play spaces for children and accessible connections within and to nearby communities to enhance friendly gatherings with neighbours
- + They value the green spaces within the neighbourhood and would like to see additional measures to invite neighbours to use the spaces
- + They would like to see additional safety measures surrounding the schools and commercial areas to create a safe, friendly and walkable experience for families and visitors
- + They want winter snow maintenance to be accounted for during design

“Looking forward to curb extensions for the safety of pedestrians. Looking forward to potential new roads/smoothen roads.”

“It will be safer [when] I’m biking in the neighbourhood.”
– Quote from youth resident



Values shared by Baturyn residents in early engagement





Rendering of proposed school drop-off area with shared pathway and curb extension

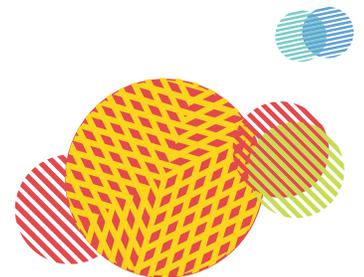
How we engaged – Draft Design – November 2021

From November 5 – 21, 2021 we hosted engagement opportunities seeking feedback on the draft design for Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal. Participants were asked to provide feedback to help the project team **REFINE** the draft design in the areas of Movement, Parks and Placemaking. These engagement opportunities included a survey, Engaged Edmonton¹ and the opportunity to submit questions directly to the project team. The input received during this stage will be used in developing the final neighbourhood design.

We engaged participants in the following ways:

- + We asked participants to visit the project webpage to access information about the project, view the draft **design video and booklet** to learn more about Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal.
- + An **online survey** was available to the public from November 5 – 21, 2021 asking participants to share feedback on the draft design for Baturyn. We also asked participants to share how well the design reflected the Vision and Guiding Principles.
- + We had **community conversations** with residents, stakeholder groups, Baturyn Community League representatives and administration from Baturyn Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic School.
- + We engaged with **three Grade 6 classes** of approximately 65 students at Baturyn Elementary School who included this as part of their local government Social Studies curriculum. Students watched the design video and completed the online survey in groups.

Visit edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn for details from previous stages of engagement.



¹ Engaged Edmonton is the City's official online public engagement platform.

What we heard – Draft Design

The following highlights some of the common themes we heard about the draft design. Most respondents support the changes proposed in the draft design, agreeing they were going in the right direction to improve Movement, Parks and Placemaking in Baturyn for area residents and other users.

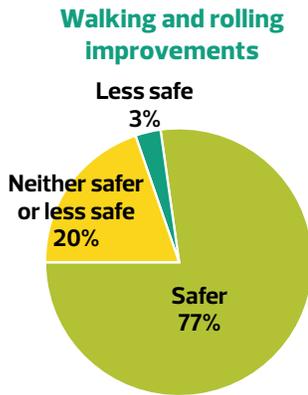
Walking and rolling

Survey said: 97% of respondents said that the proposed changes will make walking and rolling in Baturyn feel safer or stay the same, and 3% felt the changes would make walking and rolling somewhat unsafe or not at all safe.

We heard respondents felt that new and widened pathways, along with new and improved lighting, would enhance the experience of those who walk and roll around the neighbourhood.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Additional lighting, beyond what was proposed, would be welcomed by some residents
- + New and widened sidewalks may create additional snow clearing and maintenance responsibilities for adjacent property owners



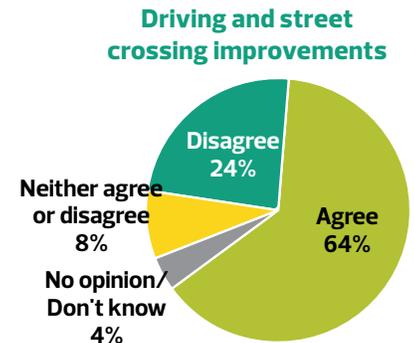
Driving and street crossings

Survey said: 72% of respondents agreed or had no concerns that the draft design for driving and street crossings in Baturyn would meet the needs of area residents and other users, and 24% disagreed or somewhat disagreed and would like to see changes incorporated to the design.

We heard respondents believe adding measures like curb extensions and marked crosswalks will help reduce speeding and make the neighbourhood feel safer for those who walk, especially along the collector road.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Curb extensions and narrowed roadways could cause traffic congestion and loss of parking
- + Visibility of crosswalks is important, especially in winter
- + Additional measures to slow traffic, such as road alignment changes or raised crosswalks, should be explored, especially on 100 Street



Shared roadway in Baturyn

“I really like the raised crosswalks, for example like the ones in Lorelei. I think they would slow people down more and enhance safety.”

“New wider, smoother surfaces will make my walks safer and easier.”

“[Looking forward to] the widened pathways and sidewalks and the new upgraded lighting for safety.”

“Slowing traffic at these locations is very much needed, and I feel curb extensions are a step in the right direction.”



School drop-off area

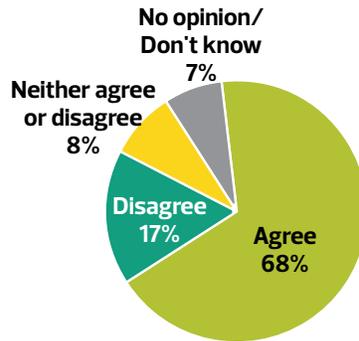
Survey said: 76% of survey respondents agreed or had no concerns that the draft design for the school drop-off area would meet the needs of residents and other users, and 17% disagreed or somewhat disagreed and would like to see changes incorporated to the design.

We heard respondents believe that adding curb extensions, widened sidewalks, bus drop-off pads and marked crosswalks in front of the schools will help to slow traffic and make it safer for students and others who walk and roll to school.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Speeding along the collector road, especially near the school, causes safety concerns
- + Narrowing the roadway along the collector road could cause traffic congestion, especially during peak hours
- + There are conflicts with the Edmonton Transit Service (ETS) buses and school buses, especially during peak hours
- + Visibility of crosswalks is important, especially in winter

School drop-off area improvements



Bike routes

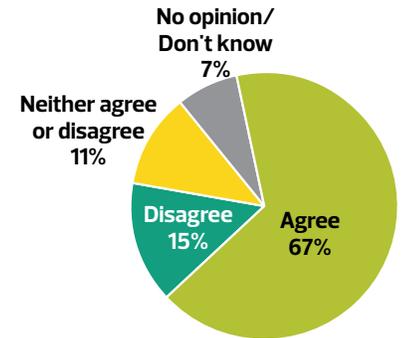
Survey said: 78% of respondents agreed or had no concerns that the draft design for bike routes in Baturyn would meet the needs of residents and other users, and 15% disagreed or somewhat disagreed and would like to see changes incorporated to the design.

We heard respondents believe that widened pathways would improve safety for those who bike in the neighbourhood. Respondents also indicated that they are most comfortable with a boulevard-style shared pathway, but that a curbside path is acceptable when necessary to maintain trees and work with existing utility constraints.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Maintaining trees whenever possible is preferred
- + Markings on shared roadway bike routes need to be visible in winter

Bike route improvements



Shared boulevard pathway in Baturyn

"I am looking forward to the bus drop-off pads because I always stub my toe getting off the yellow bus." – Quote from youth resident

"Improved crossings [are] awesome. I really like the curb extensions...anything to encourage people to slow down."

"Wider and better sidewalks and shared pathways will increase safety for me and my family when we are cycling."

"Retaining trees on the curb is important for [the feel] of the neighbourhood and the contribution to reducing carbon in the environment."





Baturyn Park

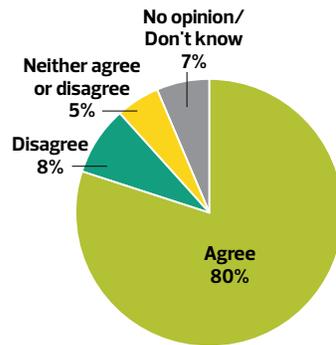
Survey said: 85% of respondents agreed or had no concerns that the draft design for Baturyn Park would meet the needs of residents and other users, and 8% disagreed or somewhat disagreed and would like to see changes incorporated to the design.

We heard respondents believe that widened pathways, new seating areas, new and improved lighting, and additional amenities would improve the experience of Baturyn Park and increase the feeling of safety.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Additional waste bins would help to prevent litter in the park
- + Fruit bearing plants could cause challenges with maintenance and cleanliness

Baturyn Park improvements



Carrol and Henry Paszek Park

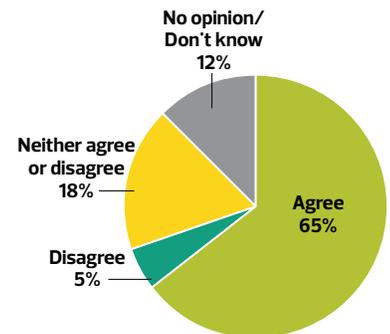
Survey said: 83% of respondents agreed or had no concerns that the draft design for Carrol and Henry Paszek Park would meet the needs of residents and other users, and 5% disagreed or somewhat disagreed and would like to see changes incorporated to the design.

We heard respondents believe that new and widened pathways, a new seating area, new and improved lighting, additional amenities and reduced road space and added greenery in the northwest corner would improve the experience of Carrol and Henry Paszek Park and increase the feeling of safety.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Additional lighting, beyond what was proposed, would be welcomed by some residents
- + The proposed pathway alignment could be revised in order to maintain existing trees

Carrol and Henry Paszek Park improvements



"I must say I am incredibly excited for new seating areas and plant beds. I love our park, and am excited to see it become even more functional for everyone."

"This will entice more families to enjoy the park."

"Love the new trees and reduced road space in the NW corner."

"Great to see improvements to make the park more attractive and accessible."



Harry Farmer Park

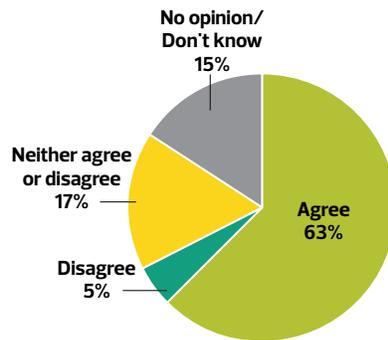
Survey said: 80% of respondents agreed or had no concerns that the draft design for Harry Farmer Park would meet the needs of residents and other users, and 5% disagreed or somewhat disagreed and would like to see changes incorporated to the design.

We heard respondents believe that new and widened pathways, a new seating area, new and improved lighting, a fruit plant forest, potential public art and additional amenities would improve the experience of Harry Farmer Park and increase the feeling of safety.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Fruit bearing plants could cause challenges with maintenance and cleanliness
- + The proposed pathway alignment could be revised in order to maintain existing trees
- + Public art could become vandalized

Harry Farmer Park improvements



Seating areas

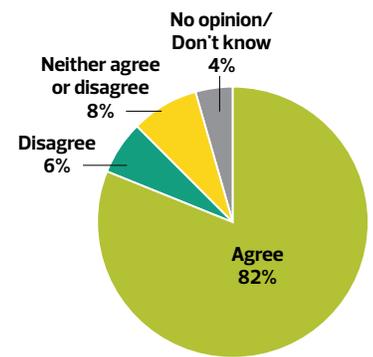
Survey said: 90% of respondents agreed or had no concerns that the proposed seating area changes would meet the needs of residents and other users, and 6% disagreed or somewhat disagreed and would like to see changes incorporated to the design.

We heard respondents believe that new and enhanced seating areas throughout the neighbourhood will improve the experience of gathering with fellow neighbours and help increase the feeling of safety in the neighbourhood.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Additional lighting adjacent to seating areas, beyond what was proposed, would be welcomed by some residents to further increase the feeling of safety
- + More enhanced child-friendly features at some locations would be appreciated
- + Vandalism and safety are a concern at some seating area locations

Seating area improvements



Proposed design for Harry Farmer Park

“Very very happy with the design of Harry Farmer. Glad to see the upgrades that will keep the green space.”

“Would love signage with the fruit led forest to indicate species, appearance when ripe, growing season, etc.”

“Better lighting and safety is strongly supported.”

“As I get older, a place to rest is a good thing! Also nice to sit and watch and listen to the birds.”

“I like the added seating areas. And the allocated space.”



Seating area in Baturyn Park

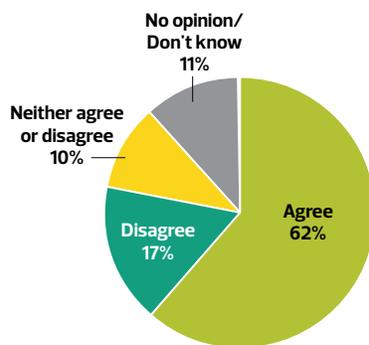


Neighbourhood Commercial Area on 109 Street with curbside shared pathway

Neighbourhood Commercial Area

Survey said: 72% of survey respondents agreed or had no concerns that the draft design for the Neighbourhood Commercial Area would meet the needs of residents and other users, and 17% disagreed or somewhat disagreed and would like to see changes incorporated to the design.

Neighbourhood Commercial Area improvements



We heard respondents believe that the additional patio and gathering space in front of the businesses would improve the experience for customers, local residents and other users. We also heard that respondents believe the narrowed roadway and crosswalk improvements would make the street crossing safer for those who walk and roll.

Some common concerns or suggestions for improvements we heard include:

- + Narrowing the roadway could cause traffic congestion²
- + Removing some parking spaces is a concern for some residents
- + Narrowing the roadway could cause challenges for snow removal and storage³
- + Additional safety enhancements at the street crossing like a raised crosswalk or flashing lights would be welcome

² While the road is being narrowed, the function of the road will be maintained as the same number of travel lanes will exist after the narrowing as there were before.

³ Narrowing of the road often improves snow clearing efforts as it provides more space for snow storage in the space between the walk and road.



“I really like the design ideas here to make the area more usable and vibrant.”

“Congestion caused by narrowing road. Snow clearing will be more difficult in the winter with less space to put the snow. Loss of street parking.”

“A few tweaks take this renewal from good to great. Be bold my friends.”



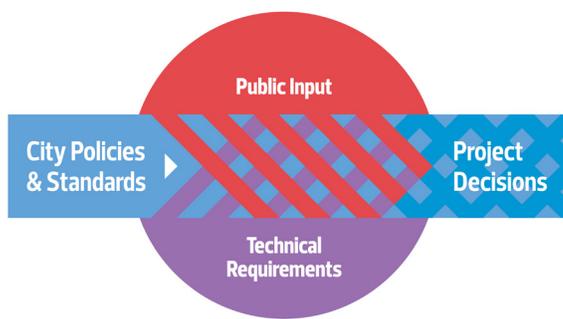
How decisions are made

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 people 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.

The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public input, technical requirements and available funding. This process helps to ensure that 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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the public engagement opportunities to date and contributed knowledge and experience to help shape the future of Baturyn.

Visit edmonton.ca/PublicEngagement for more information on the City's public engagement process and click on Vision, Definition and Spectrum.



Baturyn's Community Vision

Baturyn is a generationally and culturally diverse community that offers a safe, friendly and walkable experience for families and visitors. There are lots of opportunities to experience green spaces and recreational activities.

We take pride in our connections within our neighbourhood and with the nearby communities and we value friendly gatherings with our neighbours.

We enjoy experiencing the serene and peaceful surroundings that Baturyn has to offer. Baturyn is continuously looking to grow the connections between its diverse residents and neighbours.

Guiding Principles



Baturyn has an abundance of amenities such as benches, bike racks and a playground that help to create spaces that are attractive and comfortable



Baturyn has good connections and wide pathways which provide safe and accessible mobility for people of all ages and abilities



Baturyn has safe, well-lit spaces and streets for all residents and visitors



Baturyn is a great place to walk and bike



Baturyn has spaces to meet and connect with neighbours in all seasons



Baturyn has many family and kid-friendly spaces and amenities for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy

Cost-sharing opportunities for Baturyn

What is a Local Improvement?

A Local Improvement is a construction project undertaken near or next to residents' properties which is considered more beneficial to the property owner and local area than to the City as a whole. These can be paid as a lump sum, annually or over a period of time as an add-on to your property taxes. Local Improvements are part of the Neighbourhood Renewal discussions with you and your neighbours.

Local Improvement Options during Neighbourhood Renewal

Decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction are Local Improvements that are cost-shared by the City and property owners in the neighbourhood.

Standard street lights will be replaced as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal process. However, property owners in the neighbourhood have the opportunity to **DECIDE** to upgrade to the decorative street light option chosen for their community.

The community must indicate their choice of a decorative street light option to the City no later than **May 16, 2022**. The options are shown to the right.

Sidewalk reconstruction of existing sidewalks is also a cost-shared Local Improvement. Where sidewalks are missing, new sidewalks are 100% funded by the City.

For more detailed information on Local Improvements and the decision processes, please visit edmonton.ca/LocallImprovements.



Example decorative street blades from Calder neighbourhood

Decorative street blades

Did you know that your neighbourhood can pursue decorative street blades at no additional cost? Contact your project manager for details.

What are the options for street lights?

Street light options include pole colour and type, arm style and style of light fixture.

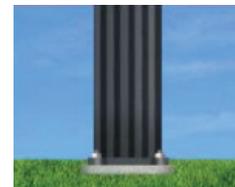
Pole



Powder coated galvanized



1. Octagonal



2. Fluted

Decorative arm



1. Newport



2. Scroll



3. Heritage

LED light fixture



Colour



Black



Blue



Green



Message from your project manager

Thank you to those of you that have shared your ideas and feedback with us over the past two years. We have come a long way, and are almost ready to share the final design with you.

We have reviewed and considered your input for changes and improvements in Baturyn. We have also been working with our colleagues and technical experts behind the scenes to incorporate your input into the neighbourhood changes. Coordinating the design with the work of the larger City is an important part of getting the design right for both present and future.

As we continue to hold public engagement online for your neighbourhood, we want you to know that if you find using the internet uncomfortable or difficult, we have other ways for you to be involved in engagement. Our project team wants to hear from the whole community, even if we have to have an old-fashioned telephone conversation! We look forward to sharing the final design with you in April.

We have been working closely with the delivery project manager, **David Scheeler**, who will work with you through the **Preparing for Construction** and **Construction on Your Streets** stages of the renewal process beginning in the late fall.

Sherry Wallace

Planning & Design Project Manager

Stay informed

For more information, and to sign up for project updates, go to edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn

Message from the Baturyn Community League

The Baturyn Community League is a dedicated group of volunteers who proudly serve the Baturyn, Canossa, Chambery, Elsinore and Rapperswill communities.

The Playground subcommittee of the Baturyn Community League is working alongside the Neighbourhood Renewal project team to support enhancements to Baturyn Park. We are incorporating community input into long term plans for Baturyn Park. Priorities the residents have identified include shaded seating, whether a gazebo or covered picnic area, refinishing the basketball court with more diverse and accessible activities, and a play area with equipment for small children. Watch for more information as we hope to share a concept based on your feedback in the near future.

Also, as part of the enhancements proposed through Neighbourhood Renewal, fruit bearing plantings and enhanced landscaping are planned in open spaces throughout the neighbourhood including Baturyn and Harry Farmer parks. Did you know that volunteers may be required to help harvest and maintain these proposed plantings? If you are interested in helping please reach out to the Community League and let us know.

To get in touch with the Baturyn Community League, please visit www.baturyn.ca or follow us on Facebook. We always welcome new volunteers!

Next steps

Community Feedback on Final Design -
April 15 - 30, 2022

Community Choice of Decorative Street Light -
May 16, 2022

Street Light Expression of Interest -
September 1, 2022

Preparing for Construction and Local Improvement Decisions - **January - February 2023**

