

# DISTRICT PLANNING

Information  
Session  
July 2021

District Planning Project Team  
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# Welcome and Overview - Purpose & Intention

## Purpose

- An opportunity to introduce District Planning

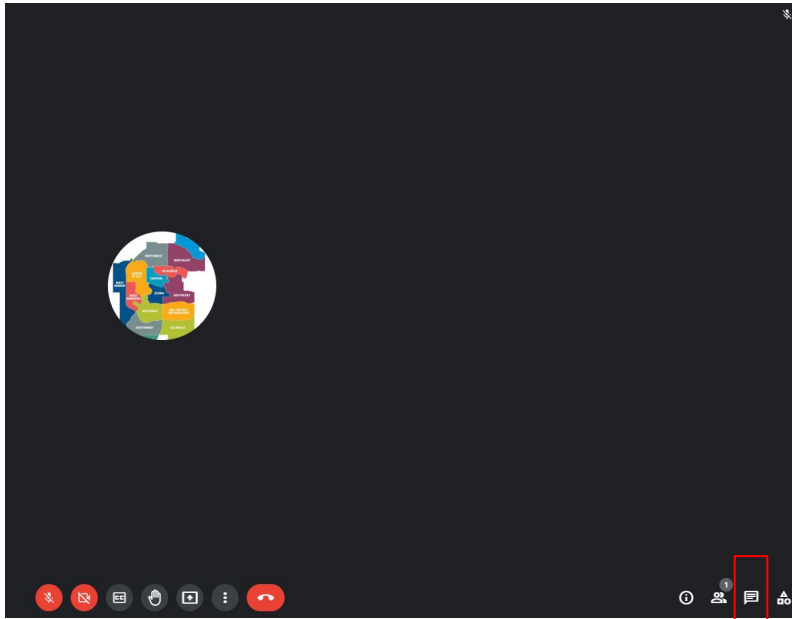
## Intention

- Gather your questions and initial thoughts

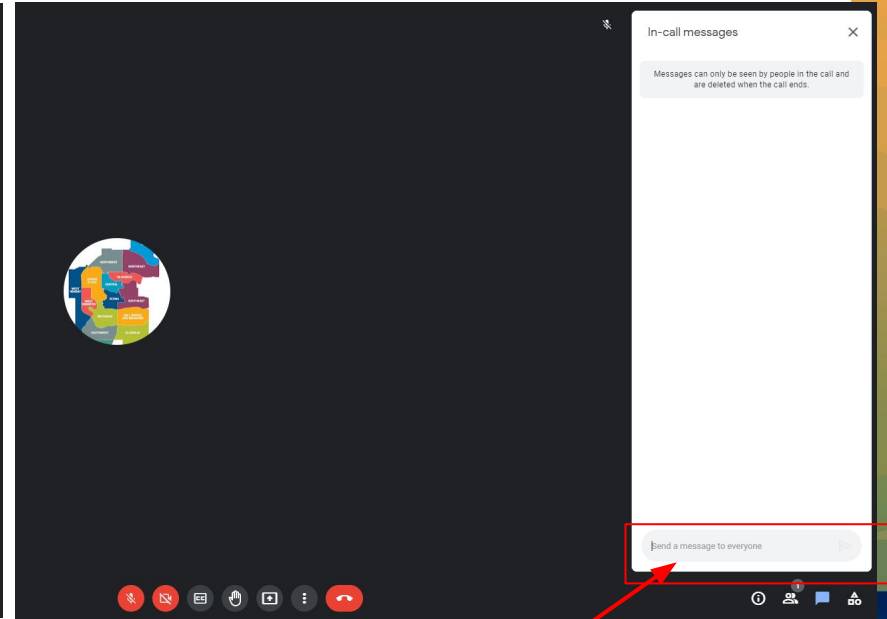
## Welcome and Overview - Agenda

1. Welcome & Check in - 5 mins
2. Presentation - 15 mins
  - a. The City Plan, Districts, District Planning & timelines
3. Conversation and Questions - 35 mins
4. Close & Check out - 5 mins

## To Add A Question to the Chat



Click to open the chat



Type in the chat

## Check in using the Chat!

- Add to the chat:
  1. Your name
    - a. Your community and/or organization (if here on their behalf)
  2. **Your favourite feature about your district or your favourite activity to do in your district?**

## Welcome and Overview - Agreements

Let's agree to...

1

**Encourage everyone  
to contribute**

2

**Listen with  
attention and speak  
with intention**

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**Keep the focus on  
district planning**

3

**Keep mics muted  
while others are  
speaking**

4

**Be respectful as  
people are speaking**

# 1. The Why and What of District Planning

## Why District Planning?



The City Plan (2020)

Edmonton has:

- A new Municipal Development Plan
- 375 Neighbourhoods
- 130 plans in effect

District Plans are a different approach to planning.



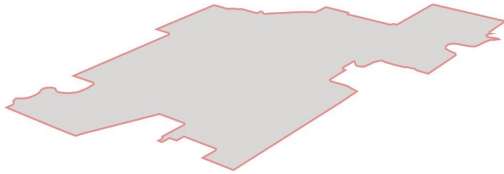
# Why District Planning & What are District Plans?



# District Planning is both a project *and* a process

- As a **project**, it includes
  - gathering general policies that apply to all districts
  - establishing 15 district plans
  - focusing on the **shift to 1.25 million** people

current scope

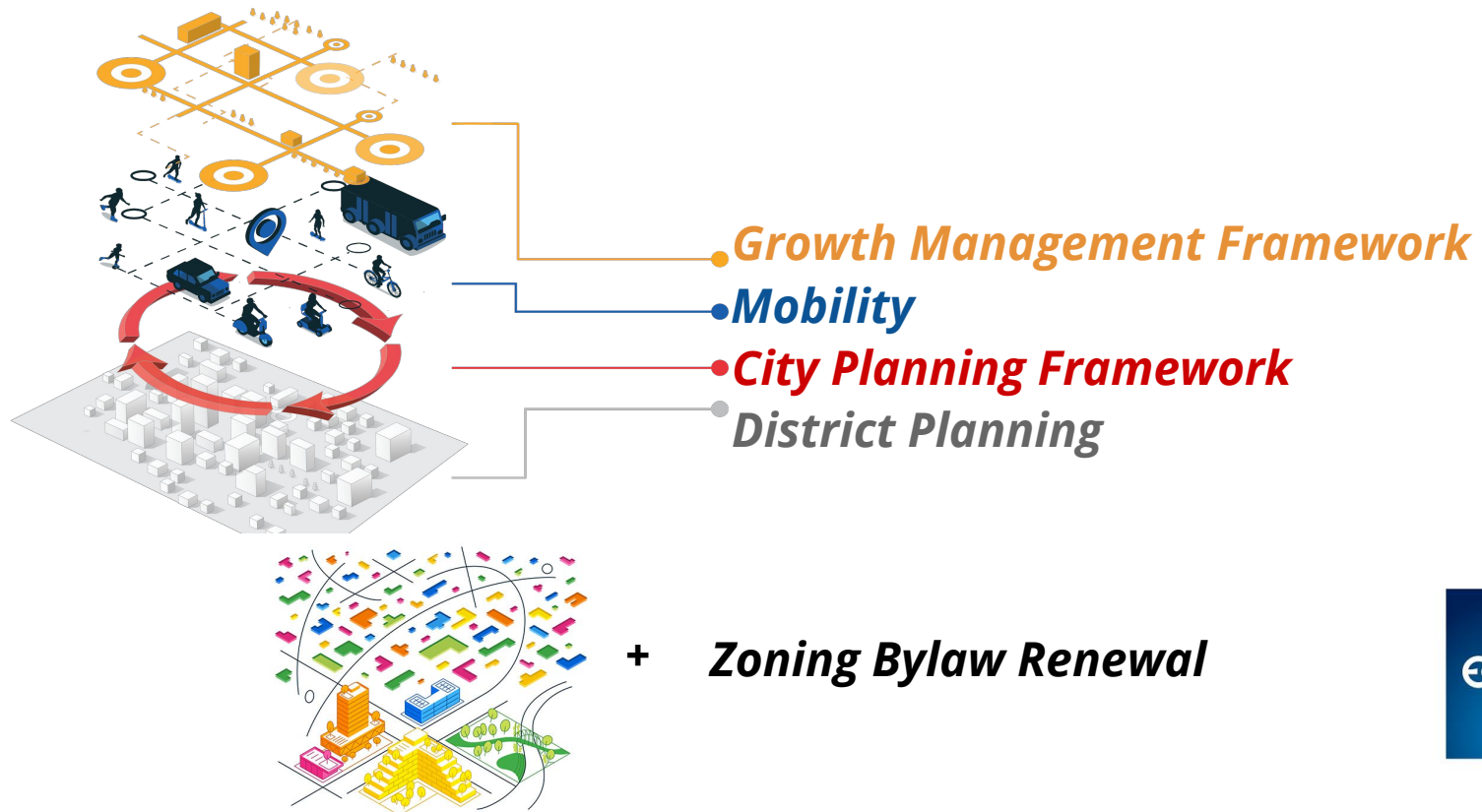


DISTRICT GENERAL POLICY



15 DISTRICT PLANS

# District Planning aligns with *City Plan's* implementation



## District Planning: Considering all Edmontonians

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**COMMUNITY  
LEAGUES &  
ORGANIZATIONS**

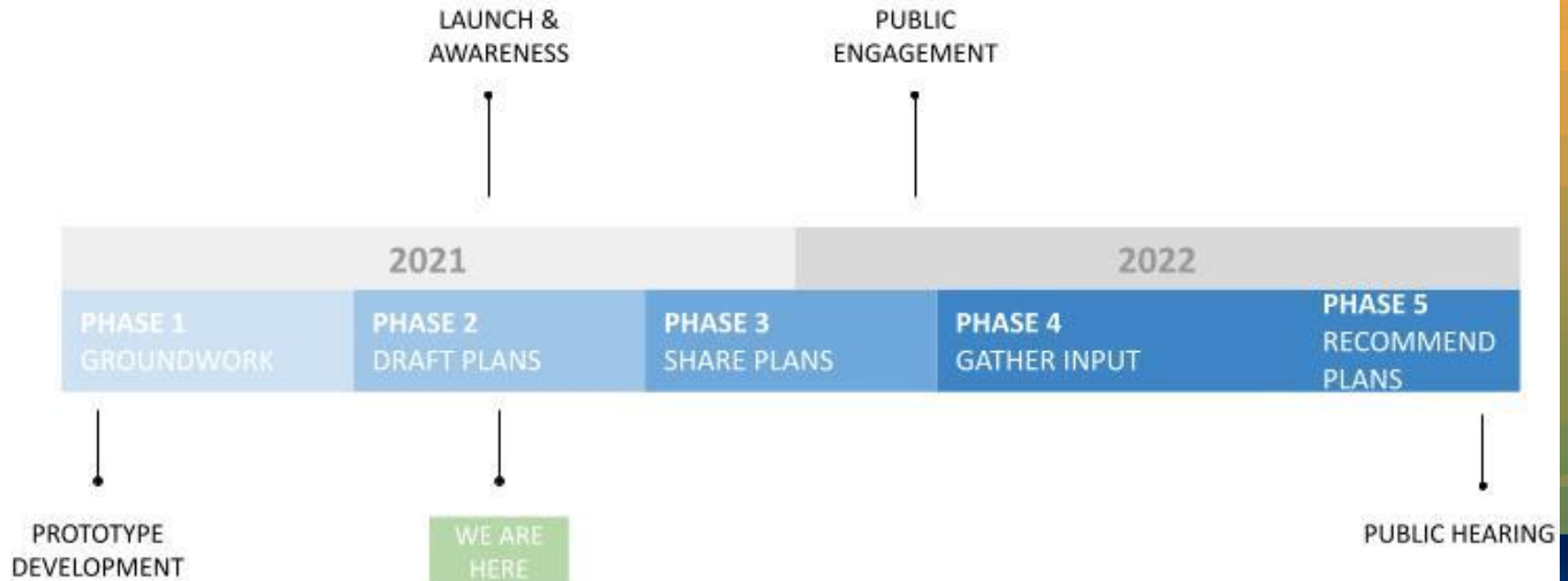
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**CITY STAFF**

**BUSINESS OWNERS**

**DEVELOPERS &  
PROPERTY OWNERS**

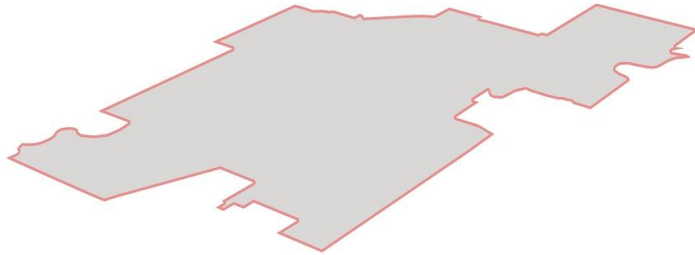
# Project Timeline



## **2. The two main components:**

**District General Policy & District Plans**

# The District General Policy & the District Plans



## DISTRICT GENERAL POLICY

*Applies to all districts*

Guides how districts change and grow over time. It provides policies that will guide land use, mobility, open space and infrastructure decisions to achieve the vision outlined in The City Plan.



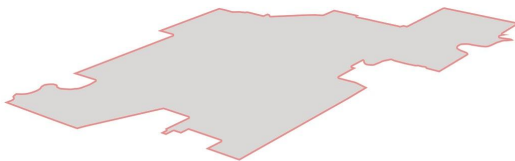
## 15 DISTRICT PLANS

*Applies to a specific district*

Each district plan will contain a district introduction, district specific policies and 9 guiding maps.

## District General Policy - Purpose

- Provide guidance that **applies to all districts** across the city
- Give **additional direction** at a level under *The City Plan*
- Strive for an **equitable approach**
  - to guide all areas some that have not had a local plan
  - to encourage land use & mobility integration with amenities
- **Simplify policy**, remove redundancies and/or inconsistencies

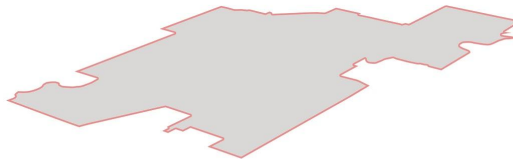


DISTRICT GENERAL POLICY



## District General Policy - How we're making it

- *The City Plan* is the **starting point**
- **Drawing from existing sources** e.g. *Transit Oriented Development Guidelines, Residential Infill Guidelines*
- **Leveraging** existing, approved and relevant policies



DISTRICT GENERAL POLICY

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## District Plans - Purpose

- Applies *The City Plan's* directions **at the district level**
- Illustrates, through its maps, **how the district will change** (as per *The City Plan*)
- May contain **policy exceptions** that are **specific to that district**



DISTRICT PLANS

## District Plans - How we're making it

- Applying *The City Plan's* direction at the district level
  - e.g. Nodes and Corridors Network, Mass Transit Network
- Reviewing existing plans in effect for that district
  - e.g. any ASPs, NSPs, ARPs
- Compiling projects identified to support growth in the district



DISTRICT PLANS

# District Plans - Structure

1. District Context
2. City Plan Direction
3. District Specific Policy Guidance (Table)
4. Growth Activation (Table)
5. District Maps (9)



District Plan | Mill Woods and Meadows

## 1.0 District Context

The Mill Woods and Meadows District is in southeast Edmonton, separated from the rest of the city by highways and employment lands. This district comprises commercial and industrial areas from Gateway Boulevard to 91 Street and predominantly residential neighbourhoods east of 91 Street to the city boundary at Anthony-Henday Drive. Mill Woods is a collection of master-planned neighbourhoods developed by the City of Edmonton beginning in the 1970s, and features a town centre with surrounding residential areas and a largely curvilinear street system. The Meadows includes neighbourhoods that began to develop in the 1980s, and development continues today along the eastern and southern edges.

The district is bounded by major roadways, with Whitemud Drive to the north, Highway 2 to the west, and Anthony-Henday Drive to the south and east. Several major arterial roads criss-cross the area and connect to adjacent districts to the north (Southeast District), west (Whitemud District), and south (Ellerslie District). To the east of the district is Strathcona County. The Valley Line LRT connects the district northward towards Downtown Edmonton. The district includes portions of the Mill Creek Ravine system, which connects the area ecologically northward to the North Saskatchewan River.

See **Map 1 - City-Wide Context** and **Map 2 - District Context** for more information.

### 1.1 District Measures

District Plans are part of the response to advance Edmonton towards the targets identified in the City Plan. Some of these targets will be achieved by actions at the district scale, and contributions to meeting the targets by each district collectively will help to advance towards the city-wide target. City Plan targets are identified according to the City Plan five Big City Moves, which are bold, transformative priorities that can create a different set of opportunities for Edmonton.

With the domain of each of the Big City Moves, there are additional metrics that relate more specifically to the City of Edmonton's potential actions and that may help to track alignment and advancement towards the City Plan's goals, applied to the scale of districts. In some cases, these reflect or build upon the Strategic Measures identified in the City Plan. In other cases, additional measures which relate more specifically to districts have been identified as an important part of tracking progress for the District Network. This district plan is partly a response to where this district is starting when considering these measures. The plan also considers how this district is performing on these measures relative to other districts in Edmonton. Part of the intention for establishing the District Network in the City Plan, and to undertake district planning, is to equitably advance towards the City Plan in all parts of Edmonton.

Table 1.1 shows the measures for the Mill Woods and Meadows District in the context of city-wide averages for all districts. These measures provide a baseline. These measures are not intended to be amended until a major review of the District Plan is

# District Plan - Policy Exception Example

District Plan | Mill Woods and Meadows

Figure 3.1 divides the district into sub areas for the purposes of providing specific policy direction from Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 provides policy guidance, which shall govern within the geographic area of this district. Amendments should align with the general intent of policies outlined in the District General Policy.

Table 3.1 - District Specific Policy

Sub Area	City Plan Geographic Area	Area Description	City Plan System/ Network	Exceptional or Additional Policy	Reference in the DGP
D	Major Node	Mill Woods (includes Mill Woods Station ARP)	All Planning Direction	3.1.1 Refer to Mill Woods Station Area Redevelopment Plan for additional planning direction. The Mill Woods Station Area Plan and District Plan should be read harmoniously. In the case of a discrepancy, the Area Redevelopment Plan should prevail.	n/a
H1	Residential Area (with retained plan)	Maple NSP (part of The Meadows ASP)	All Planning Direction	3.1.2 Refer to Maple Neighbourhood Structure Plan for additional planning direction. The Maple Neighbourhood Structure and District Plan should be read harmoniously. In the case of a discrepancy, the Neighbourhood Structure Plan should prevail.	n/a
C, E, F, H2	Secondary Corridor; District Node; Residential Area (with retained plan)	Tamarack NSP (part of The Meadows ASP)	All Planning Direction	3.1.3 Refer to Tamarack Neighbourhood Structure Plan for additional planning direction. The Tamarack Neighbourhood Structure and District Plan should be read harmoniously. In the case of a discrepancy, the Neighbourhood Structure Plan should prevail.	n/a
A, H3	Secondary Corridor; Residential Area (with retained plan)	Laurel NSP (part of The Meadows ASP)	All Planning Direction	3.1.4 Refer to Laurel Neighbourhood Structure Plan for additional planning direction. The Laurel Neighbourhood Structure and District Plan should be read harmoniously. In the case of a discrepancy, the Neighbourhood Structure Plan should prevail.	n/a

- A list of exceptional or additional policies specific to that district
- **May be a single policy or a reference to consult a plan in effect**

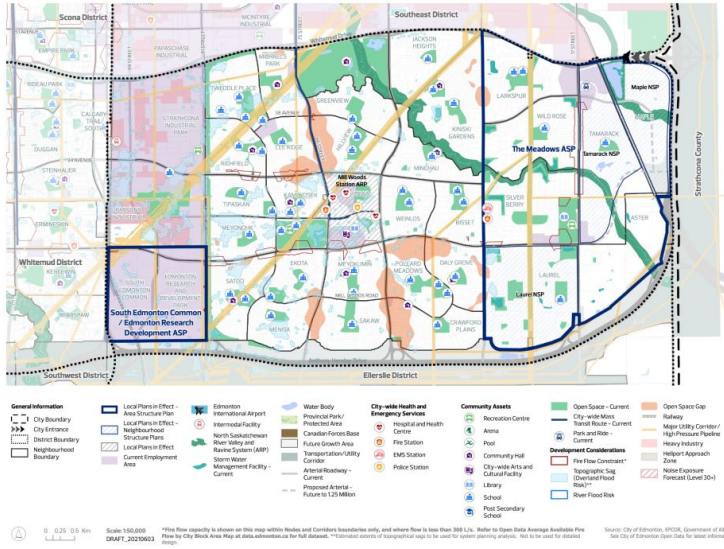
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## District Plans - Example Maps

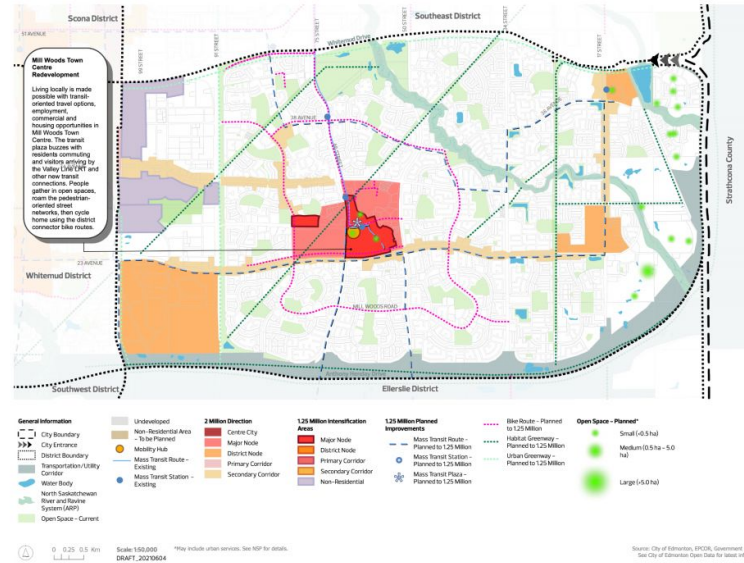
District Plan | Mill Woods and Meadows

### Figure 6.2: District Context



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Figure 6.4: Direction to 1.25 Million

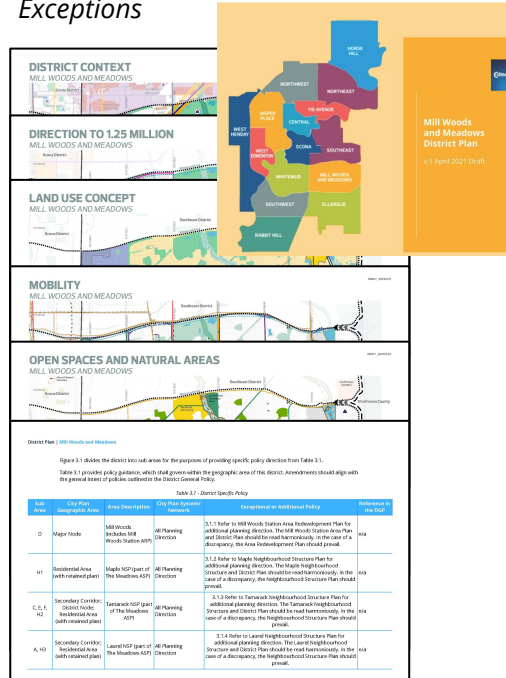


# Reading the District General Policy & District Plan together

Looking for direction, opportunities, constraints for a site(s)



**Consult District Plan** - locating the site(s) on the maps; reviewing for direction; confirming any Policy Exceptions



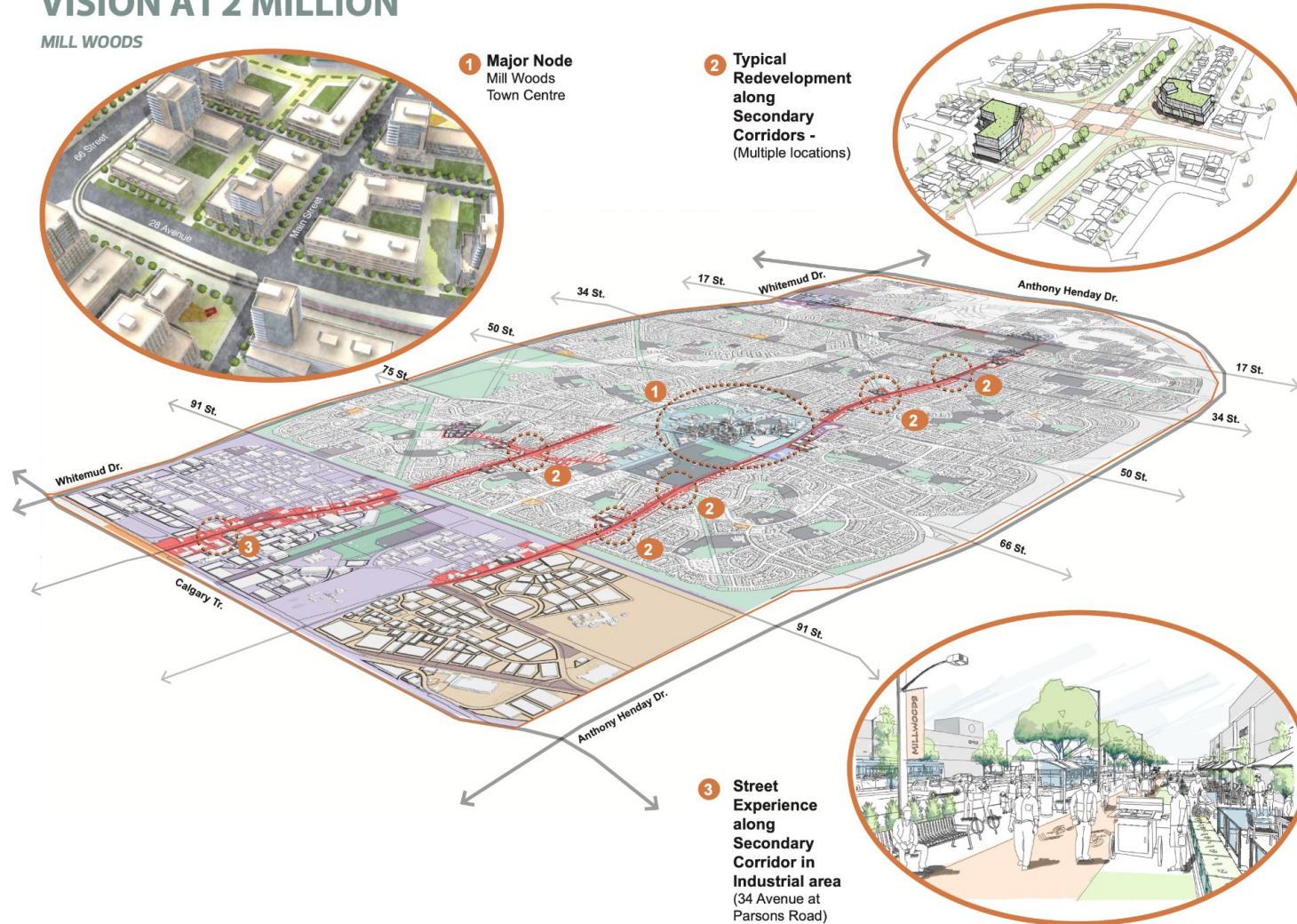
**Consult District General Policy** - applying the guidance for the particular System or Network

**n.b.** Consulting the Zoning Bylaw and following other process still apply



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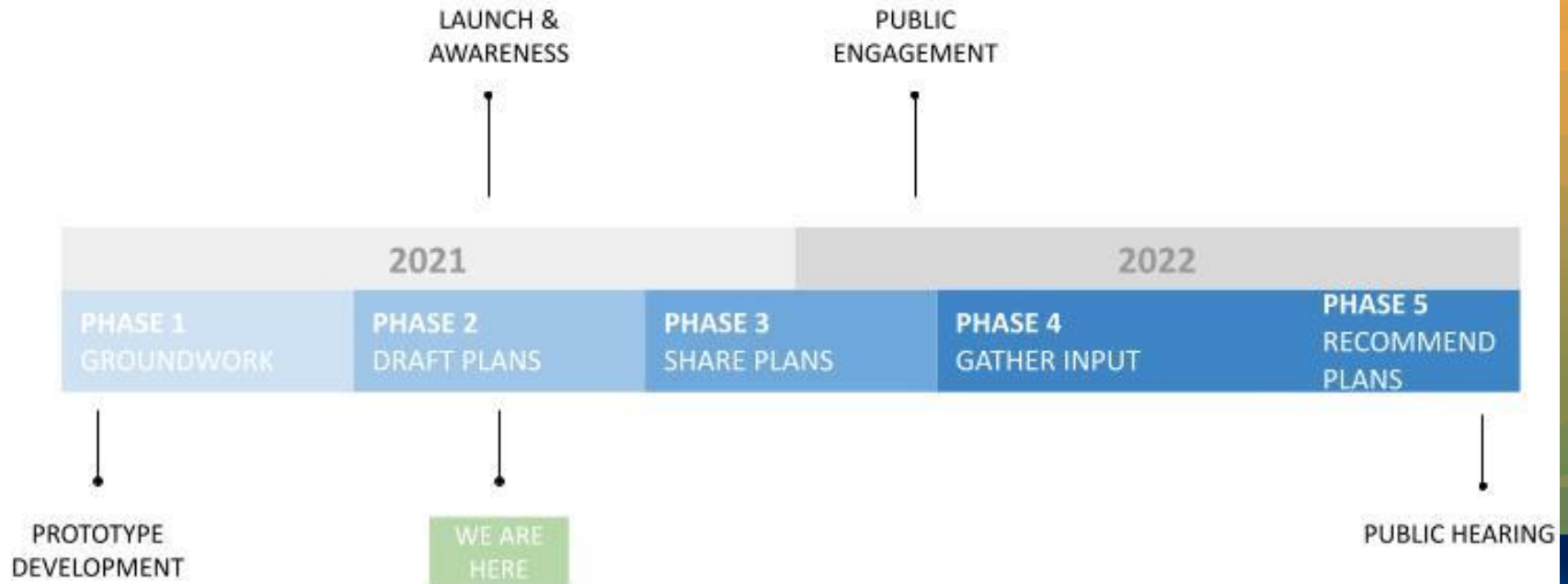
## MILL WOODS





### 3. Next Steps and Future Opportunities for Input

# Project Timeline



## Next Steps

- **June 23 - July 6** - Information Sessions
- **Late July** - Information Session Recap
- **August 1 to October 27** - Election Period
- **November/December 2021** - Project Update & Upcoming Engagement
- **Early 2022** - Engagement

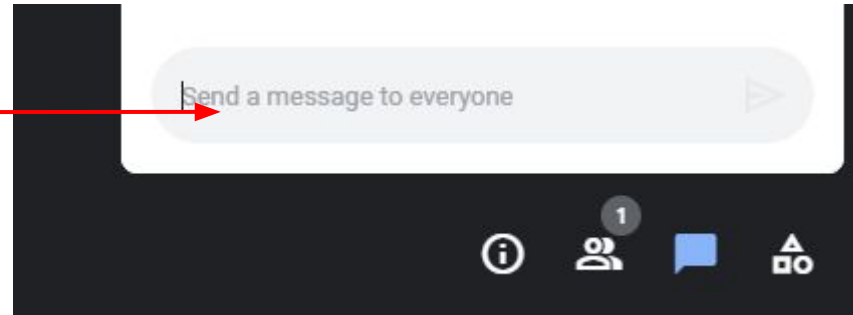
## 4. Questions

## Questions and Conversation

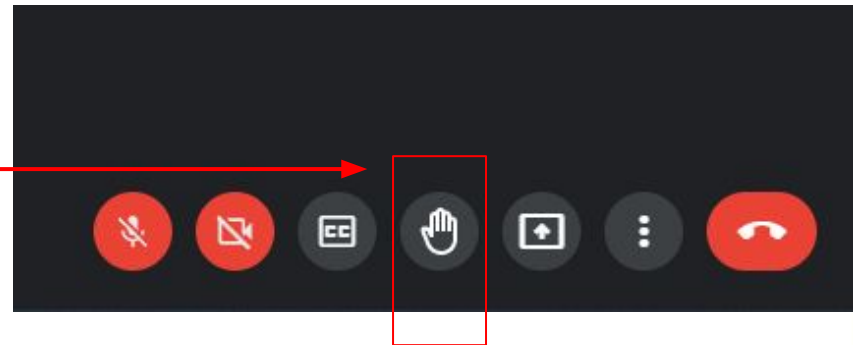
- Everyone is invited to ask or share a question, comment or thought
- We'll do our best to answer what we can
- We'll capture your questions and comments on a "Jamboard"
  - It's like a virtual whiteboard
  - You can view it on screen (in a moment)
  - You can interact with it (a link will be added to the chat)

## 3 ways to ask questions or share a comment

1) Typing it in the chat



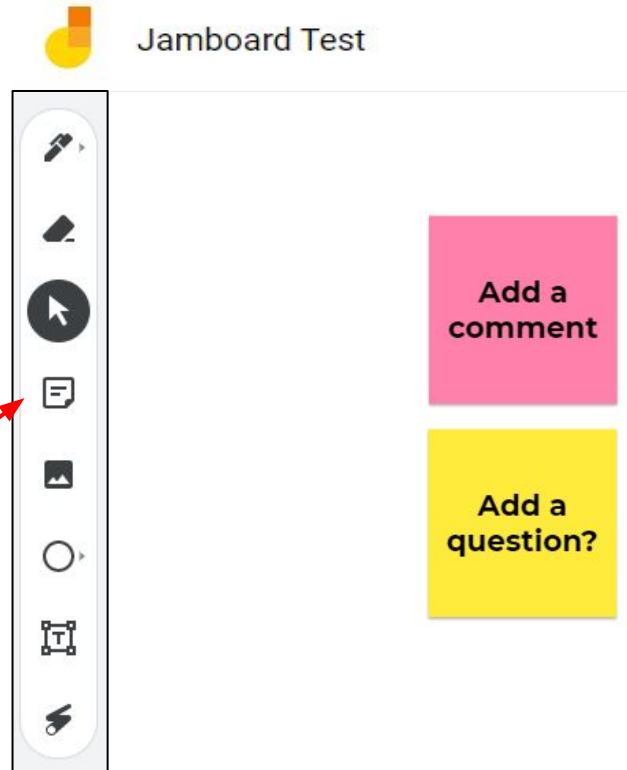
2) Using the Raise hand button



## 3 ways to ask questions or share a comment (cont'd)

3) Positing it to the Jamboard

Click for a  
'Sticky Note'



## Close & Check Out

- Thank you again for joining and participating!
- In late July we'll send a recap of the Information Sessions
- Your feedback on the session is welcome -
  - see the Survey link in the chat



## Close & Check Out

- And finally as you sign off, add to the chat:
  - **What are you excited to see happen in your district as Edmonton grows to 1.25 Million people?**

# THANK YOU!

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