

Building Great Neighbourhoods

Strathcona

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Welcome and Purpose

- To provide an overview on what we heard from public engagement to date
- To share, gather feedback to refine the draft project vision and principles
- To discuss ideas and options for the following areas:
 - Traffic and transportation
 - Types of bike routes
 - Missing links and lighting
 - Parks and Open Spaces

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Agenda

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| Welcome and Introductions | 6:30 p.m. |
| Project Overview | 6:35 p.m. |
| Vision Wall | 6:50 p.m. |
| Table Discussions Introduction | 6:55 p.m. |
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| Report Back on Themes | 8:15 p.m. |
| Wrap Up and Next Steps | 8:30 p.m. |

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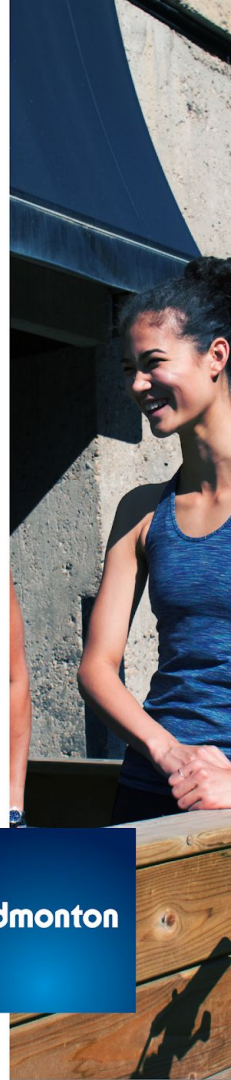
Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.

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, streetlights, 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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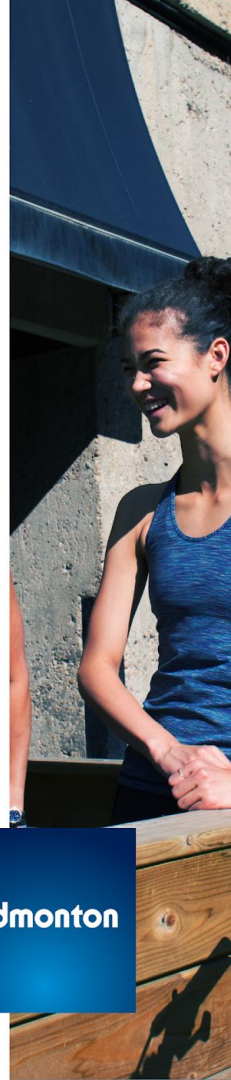
Strathcona Working Committee

- A partnership between the City of Edmonton Building Great Neighbourhoods branch and residents from Strathcona neighbourhood.
- Formed to develop a new way of engaging residents, business owners and other community stakeholders to shape the vision and direction of the Strathcona renewal.

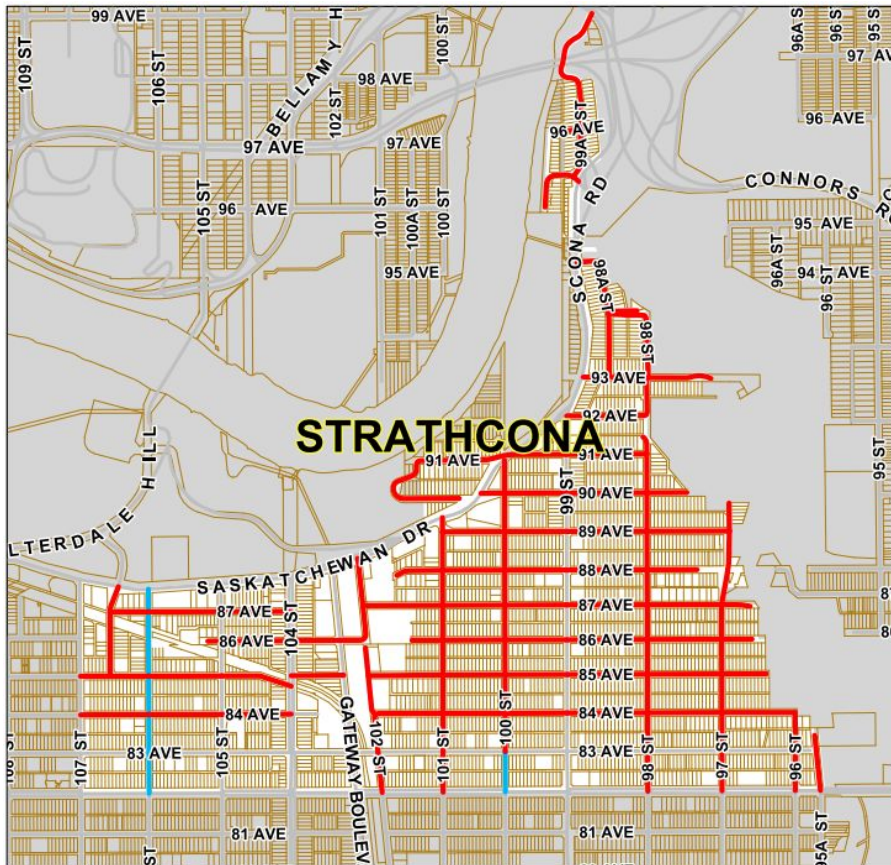
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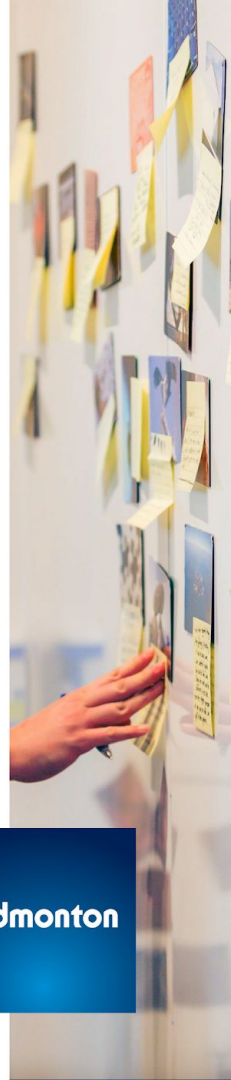
Project Area



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What is Included?

Upgrades to neighbourhood infrastructure include:

- Local and Collector Roads
- Sidewalks and Sidewalk Connections
- Curbs and Gutters
- Standard Streetlights

Other upgrades could include:

- Connections that help you walk, bike and move around your neighbourhood
- Improvements to green spaces and parks - i.e. trees
- A look at neighbourhood traffic issues
- Coordination with other projects happening in the neighbourhood
- Decorative street lights if the neighbourhood supports a local improvement

What is not Included?

The following are not included in the neighbourhood infrastructure upgrades:

- Arterial Roads
- Alley Repairs
- Utility Work
- Development or Redevelopment on land not owned by the City
- Maintenance Issues (Snow Clearing / Lawn Mowing)

Strathcona:

- Parking lot by the Farmers Market
- 83 Avenue
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Who Makes the Decisions?

City Council: Approves funding through capital budget

Building Great Neighbourhoods: Is responsible for project management and design decisions

Input into decision making includes:

- Public engagement
- City policies and programs
- Technical requirements

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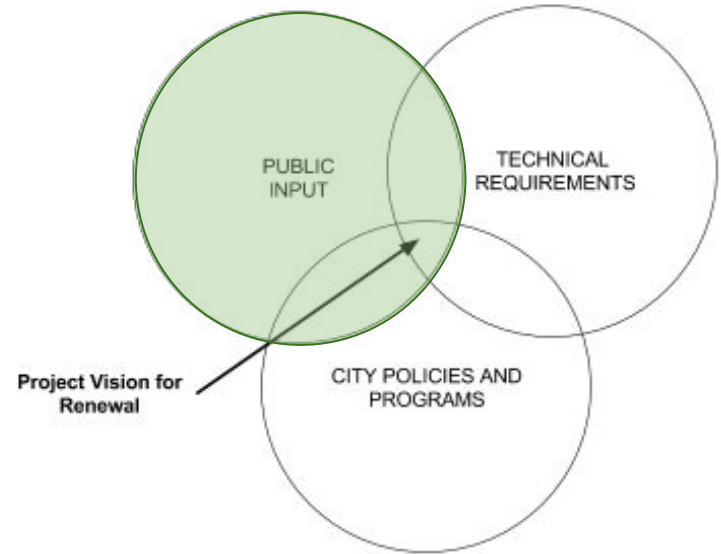
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How Decisions are Made?

Public Engagement Input:

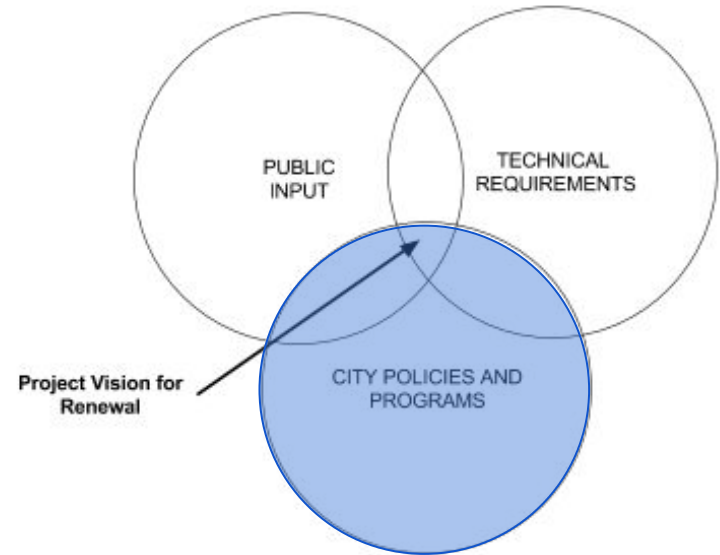
- Community Vision
- Review Community Assets
- Understand Community Needs and Opportunities
- Understand Community Priorities



How Decisions are Made?

City Policies and Programs:

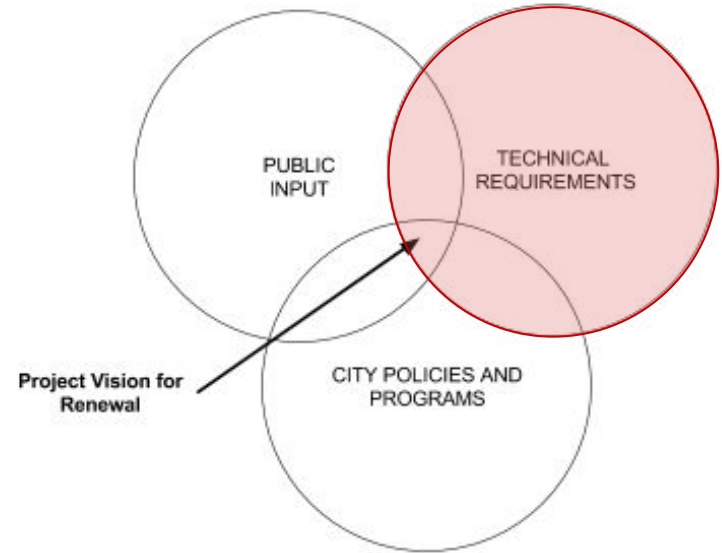
- City's Strategic Plans - The "Ways"
- Local Improvement Policy
- Public Engagement Policy
- Active Transportation Policy (Sidewalk Strategy)
- Breathe - Green Network Strategy
- Winter City Guidelines
- Vision Zero
- River Valley Bylaw



How Decisions are Made?

Technical Requirements:

- Infrastructure Assessments
- Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards
- Universal Design
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Urban Design Framework



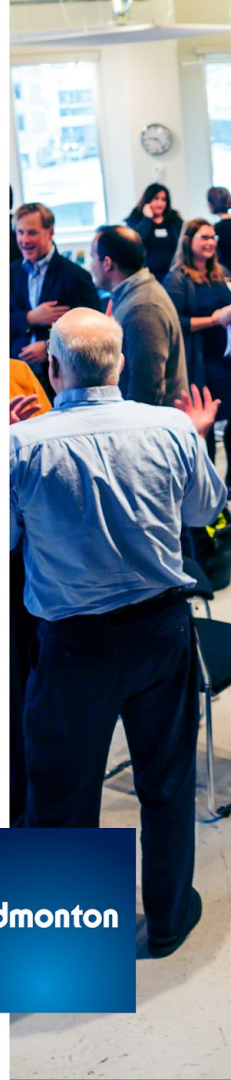
General Design Guidelines and Considerations

- Increase sidewalk widths
- Current bike lanes (83 Ave/106 St)
- Avoid minimum clearances
- Protect mature trees, where possible
- Apply new standards and bylaws, where feasible

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Project Phases and Schedule



Jan / Feb 2018:

Community Newsletter and Neighbourhood Visioning Survey

March 2018:

Ideas and Options Workshop

April/May 2018:

Public Engagement Event / Survey - Options

May 2018:

Design Workshop

June 2018:

Public Engagement Event/Survey - Draft Design

Summer 2018:

Community Outreach

Fall 2018:

Concept Plan Refinement

Feb 2019:

Pre-Construction Communication

May 2019

Construction

- Fall 2021:

Strathcona Local Improvement - Key Dates

July 3, 2018:

Deadline for the neighbourhood's submission to the City - choice of decorative lighting (pole, arm, color)

September 4, 2018:

City sends Expression Of Interest (EOI) notices to registered property owners

November 15, 2018:

Deadline for property owners to submit signed EOI form to the City

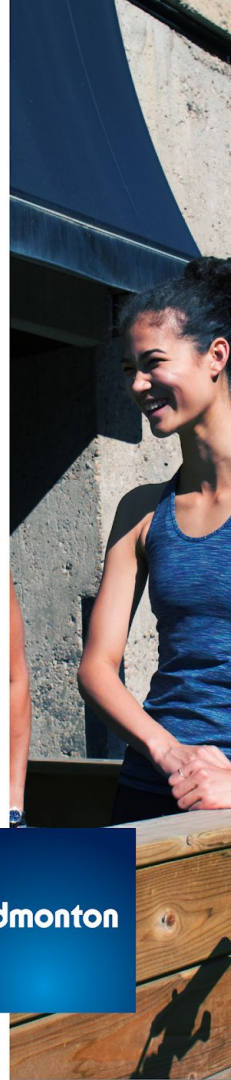
Winter 2019:

30 day local improvement petition period (lights and sidewalks)

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Survey Results - Who We Heard From

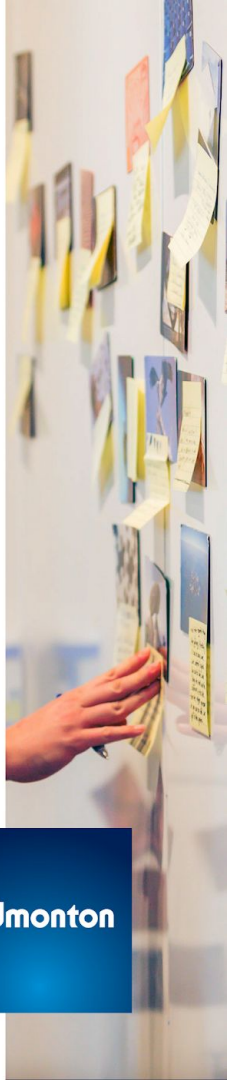
385 surveys were completed

- 85% residents of Strathcona
 - Responses from all over the neighbourhood
- Respondents aged from under 17 to over 60
- 65% single family homes / 27% apartment and condos

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Public Input - What We Heard Themes

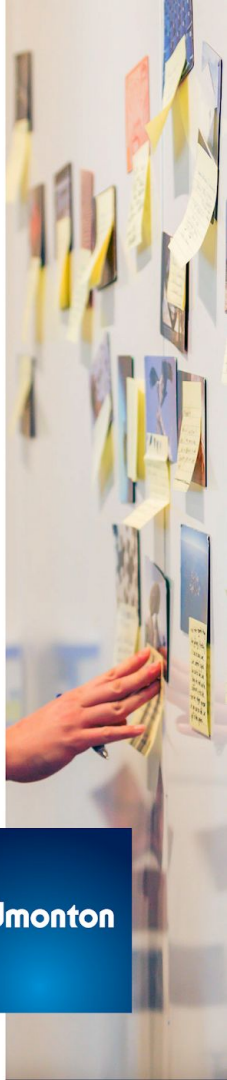
What you love about Strathcona!



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Public Input - What We Heard Themes

Driving/Traffic

Speed - reduce traffic speed,

Shortcutting - add traffic calming

Access in/out - reduce congestion; add left turns

Intersections - add left turns; improve visibility remove parked cars; traffic circles confusing

Pedestrian/Cyclist Crossings

Crossing lights - wait times long, crossing times short; add more

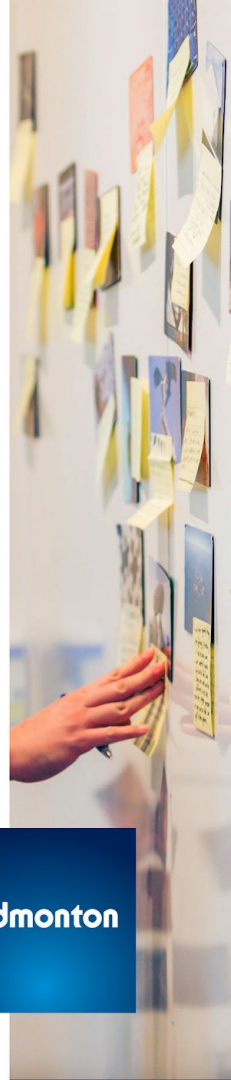
Crossing distance - shorten; add curb extensions

Visibility poor - remove parked cars; add raised crosswalks

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Public Input - What We Heard Themes

Walkability

Sidewalks - add missing connections; widen

Lighting - add better lighting

Rest areas - add more benches, seating

Bikeability

Cycle routes - add more N/S and E/W connections

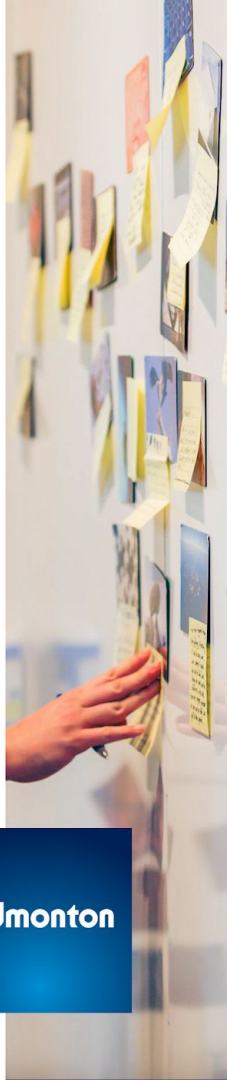
Cycle infrastructure - add more

83 Avenue bike lane - supportive; some user confusion (cars/bikes)

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Public Input - What We Heard Themes

Public Spaces/Gathering Places

Parks/Spaces - add more green spaces/parks

Existing - improve, upgrade, maintain

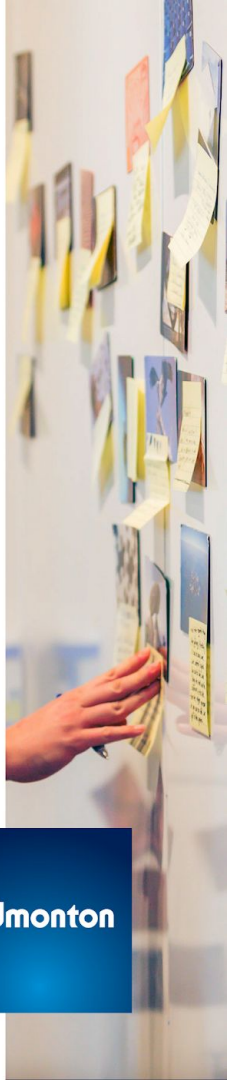
Amenities - add seating, fitness, gardens, off leash, gazebos

Aesthetics - more ongoing maintenance needed

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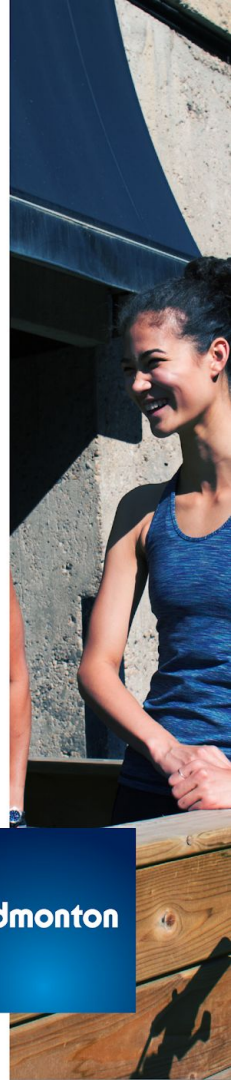
Neighbourhood Vision

- Strathcona Working Committee and Building Great Neighbourhoods will draft a project Community Vision and Principles with public input.
- The Community Vision and Principles will guide the design for Strathcona's neighbourhood renewal.

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Vision Wall

DRAFT Vision

Strathcona is a welcoming, inclusive neighbourhood designed to safely and conveniently connect a diverse mix of residents and visitors to the local businesses and services, festivals, parks, and public spaces that make it a vibrant place to live, work and play in all seasons.

Strathcona's design encourages walking and biking in a community that celebrates its unique historic character and natural beauty.

Strathcona enjoys safe, attractive and inviting public spaces that offer both active and passive recreation, and gathering places that promote a sense of community.

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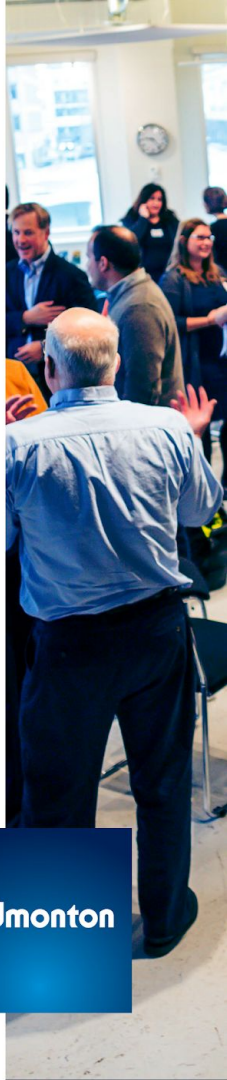


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Table Topics:

- Traffic and transportation
- Bike routes and types
- Missing links and lighting
- Parks and open spaces

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How Input from Tonight Will be Used

April Public Engagement Event

Thursday, April 19

5-8 p.m. (drop-in)

Strathcona Community League Hall

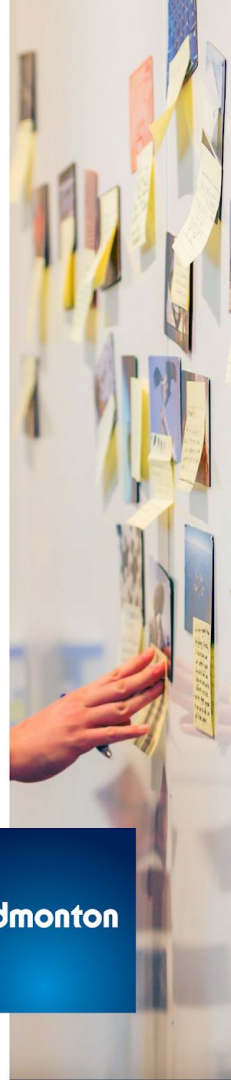
10139 - 87 Avenue

Join the project team to provide feedback on the draft design concepts.



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Sharing Information

- City will share information via:
 - **Email** - subscription list for Strathcona Neighbourhood Renewal Project and Strathcona Community League
 - **Websites** - City of Edmonton and Strathcona Community League
 - **Social Media**
 - **Community Stakeholders**

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. In the center, there is a large, dark pond surrounded by green grass and trees. A winding path or road curves around the pond. The surrounding area is filled with residential houses, mostly with dark roofs, and some green spaces. The overall tone of the image is somewhat muted, with a blueish tint.

Thank you

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