Vision & Guiding Principles

Wîhkwêntôwin Ȧ·ᑊᑭ·ᐣᑑȦ·ᐣ (Oliver) Neighbourhood Renewal

Vision

Wîhkwêntôwin Ȧ·ᑊᑭ·ᐣᑑȦ·ᐣ (Oliver) provides spaces and opportunities for residents and visitors to come together to meet, gather and build community. Walking, rolling and biking are prioritized and are safe and convenient for all ages and abilities. Active transportation connections link key destinations both within and outside the neighbourhood. Trees and greenery beautify the neighbourhood and support environmental sustainability. The neighbourhood's location, design and walkability are celebrated and make it unique in the Edmonton context.

Guiding Principles

1. **Provide for both casual and commuter oriented walking, rolling and biking connections that are clean, smooth, comfortable, convenient, safe and link to key destinations in and out of the neighbourhood for all users.**

Supporting design principles:

Along with replacing all sidewalks, adding curb ramps and upgrading street lights, the Project Team will explore ways to:

- Provide walking, rolling and biking connections to key destinations including transit stops
- Prioritize City-owned spaces for those who walk, bike and roll
- Improve crossing safety
- Meet the active transportation needs of all ages, abilities, and identities
- Improve wayfinding signage
- Design infrastructure that is usable in all seasons
- Include comfortable seating areas along highly used walking, rolling and biking routes
- Enhance the urban tree canopy
- Provide safe and convenient bike parking

2. **Provide green welcoming, vibrant and accessible parks and open spaces that are an inviting and thriving extension of living spaces where residents and their visitors feel safe to relax, gather, socialize and play year round.**

Supporting design principles:

The Project Team will explore ways to:

- Improve the visibility of users
- Improve connections to and through public spaces
- Enhance the urban tree canopy and naturalization
- Create welcoming gathering areas
- Incorporate active and passive recreation and activity areas
- Explore opportunities to add additional green space within road right-of-way

3. **Provide people driving with smooth, navigation-friendly roads that focus on taking them slowly and safely to destinations within the community rather than through it.**

Supporting design principles:

Along with replacing roads and upgrading street lights, the Project Team will explore ways to:

- Enhance safety at intersections and reduce conflicts between people walking, rolling, and biking and driving
- Design roadways that encourage slow speeds and minimize shortcutting
- Improve wayfinding and traffic signage
- Maintain driver access to destinations within and outside the neighbourhood, while preserving on-street parking, where feasible
- Provide on-street public parking in priority areas

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