

# BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

McCauley Neighbourhood Newsletter – January 2023

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## Construction is starting this spring in McCauley!

The Building Great Neighbourhoods Project Team will soon be hitting the streets in McCauley to bring the Neighbourhood Renewal final design to life. This includes not only replacing residential road surfaces, street lights, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, but also improving how people walk, roll, bike, drive and gather in outdoor spaces. The neighbourhood design focuses on making your streets and public spaces safe and accessible in all seasons for all ages, genders and mobility levels.

Planning for McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal began in July 2020. The planning process included gathering and reviewing resident feedback, balancing design opportunities with technical constraints and incorporating City policies. We first presented the final design to the community in June 2022. The Project Team has provided additional details and incorporated a few modifications since then, and is now ready to start construction!

### Stay engaged and informed

**What We Decided Report** (available as of February 2, 2023)

View the entire neighbourhood renewal design online!

**Preparing for Construction – Information Event – Drop-in**

Learn what to expect once construction comes to your street and have your questions answered by the Project Team.

Thursday, February 2, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Edmonton Intercultural Centre, 9538 107 Avenue NW

Please visit us online at [edmonton.ca/](https://edmonton.ca/)

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### No access to online resources? – No problem!

Please contact Donny Fung at 780-496-4055 or email [donny.fung@edmonton.ca](mailto:donny.fung@edmonton.ca) for a paper copy of the Preparing for Construction and final design information to be mailed to you.



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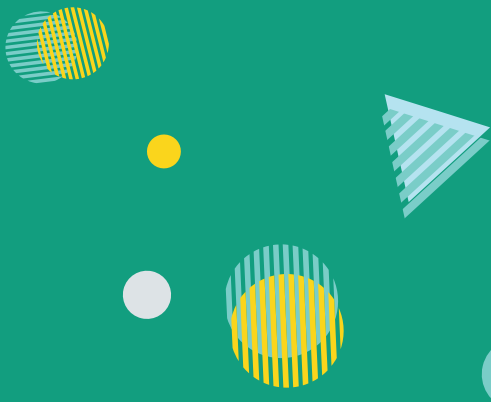
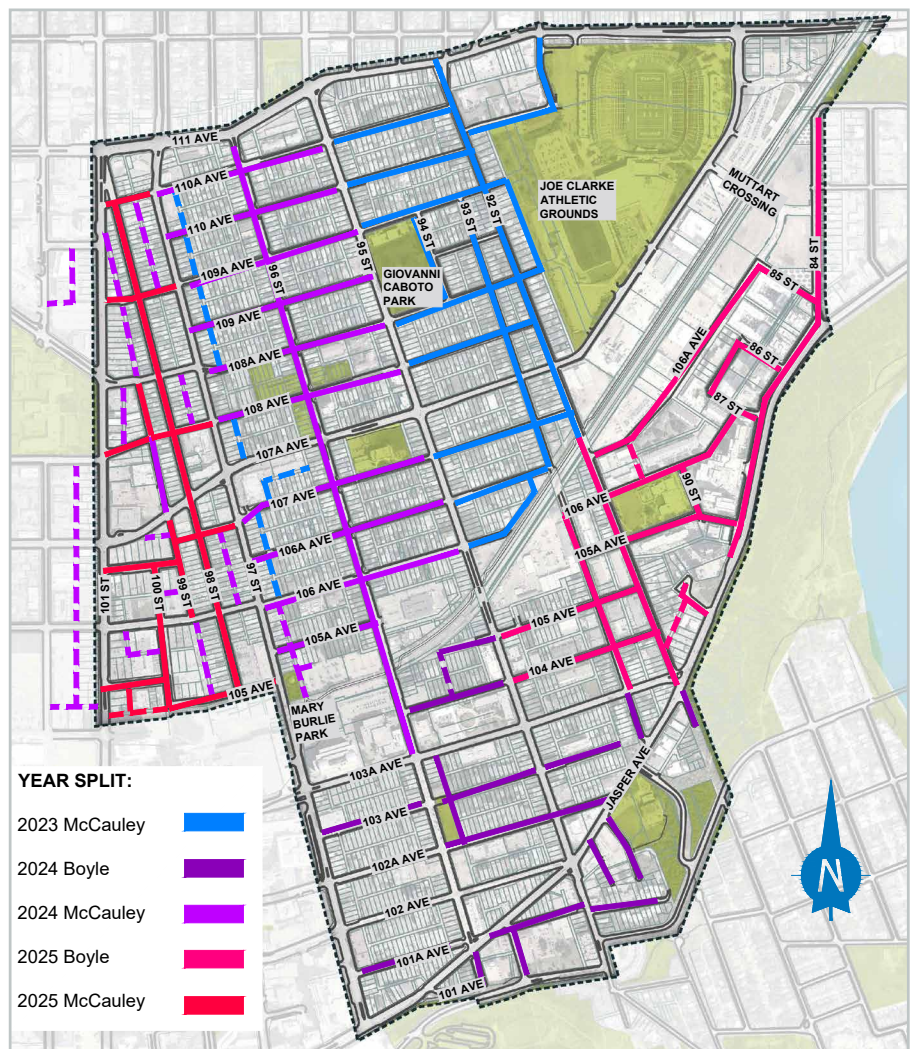
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## Preparing for construction

McCauley's neighbourhood renewal construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2023 and is expected to take three years to complete.

Note: Boyle Street's construction is scheduled to begin in 2024; watch your mailboxes for construction information later this year.

Construction will be staged as follows:





## What can I expect to see before construction starts?

You will soon see construction activities on your street that will prepare the area for road and sidewalk construction. These may include:

- + Utility companies completing their work before construction begins. This minimizes cutting into the street after it is reconstructed
- + Trees being pruned if they are in the way of the construction equipment. If a tree on private property requires pruning, the City will notify the property owner
- + Existing street lights being removed and new street light pole bases installed. The underground cabling system is also replaced at this time

## Communication during construction

Before sidewalk and roadway construction activities begin, a construction bulletin will be distributed to residents with information about the work being performed, as well as the contact information for the City's Delivery Project Manager.

In addition, you can visit [edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley) for regular updates on how construction is progressing.





## How are trees protected during construction?

The City of Edmonton places significant importance on the protection and preservation of trees in neighbourhoods and has a dedicated Urban Forester to guide this work. The design and construction of sidewalks and other infrastructure considers the need to protect trees and may be adjusted accordingly. This may include constructing sidewalks around tree roots to preserve the health of the tree. In the event a tree does need to be removed, a replacement will be planted.

## See neighbourhood construction in action!

Children and adults alike are amazed at big trucks and excavators. We invite you to view a great slow-lapse video on our project website, [edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley) that shows a renewal project during construction.

A friendly reminder that your streets will soon become a construction zone. Only construction workers and City staff should be near active machinery. Please keep your distance to ensure your safety.

## Public engagement

Thank you to everyone who engaged and provided local knowledge and preferences over the last two years of planning for Boyle Street and McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal. We appreciate those who took the time to provide their feedback through the survey, online events, emails and phone calls with the Project Team. The role of public input is to help the City understand what is important to community members in Boyle Street and McCauley, as well as how the Neighbourhood Renewal design decisions will affect them.

If you would like to review the What We Heard report from the most recent engagement on the final design, or any of the previous phases of engagement, visit the project website [edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley).

## McCauley's final design

The final design for the neighbourhood focuses on making your streets and public spaces safe and accessible in all seasons for all ages, genders and mobility levels. We encourage you to review [McCauley's final design booklet online](#) to see all changes coming to your streets and parks.

The following highlights just some of the changes you may soon encounter as you walk, roll, bike, drive and play in the neighbourhood.

### Streets: traffic directions, crossings, intersections, closures and parking

City policies and standards provided direction to the Project Team to address traffic issues and design livable, safe streets for residents and all road users. Technical studies and public input guided the design including the locations for enhanced crosswalks, traffic-calming measures and improved traffic flow and intersections that would work best in McCauley.

The final design for streets in McCauley includes:

- + New road surfaces on all residential roadways
- + Improved pedestrian/cycle crossings
- + New intersection designs to decrease confusion and increase safety
- + Traffic-calming measures such as curb extensions, narrowing of road widths and traffic diverters
- + Traffic direction and parking changes and road closures to improve traffic flow and gain space for other elements
- + Alley renewal in Chinatown's Business Improvement Area (residential alley renewal does not fall under the scope of work for this project)

To make space for new bike lanes, sidewalks, trees and enhanced public spaces, some parking will be removed. We heard that parking is important and some additional parking has been added where space is available. Adjustments were also made to some parking restrictions to help improve access to on-street parking.

Some areas will experience more impacts to their parking while others won't see a change. Overall there is a slight decrease in the total stalls within the neighbourhood.

### Rendering of future 108 Avenue at 95 Street looking west



### Character areas – Chinatown, Church Street and Little Italy

The Project Team is working on the "look and feel" elements for McCauley's renewal. The goal is to add furniture and other street design elements that would visually identify the area as "McCauley," but with the understanding that the several unique character areas within McCauley – Chinatown, Church Street and Little Italy – would also receive their own special identifying treatments.

### Rendering of future 96 Street between 108 and 108A Avenue looking north-west with new bike lane and streetscaping



## Connections – walk, bike, roll

City policy provided the direction to increase opportunities to walk, bike and roll in Edmonton, regardless of age, ability, or socioeconomic status. Technical studies and public input guided the design including the locations and types of connections that would work best in Boyle Street and McCauley. The final design includes:

- + All existing sidewalks replaced (pending Local Improvement decision); wider where possible
- + Sidewalks added where missing (where possible)
- + Additional east-west bike connections
- + Additional north-south bike connections
- + Shared pathways added
- + Shared streets (pedestrian-oriented alley) connections

### Rendering of future 108A Avenue looking west at 95 Street



### Renderings of future 98 Street between 106 and 107A Avenue



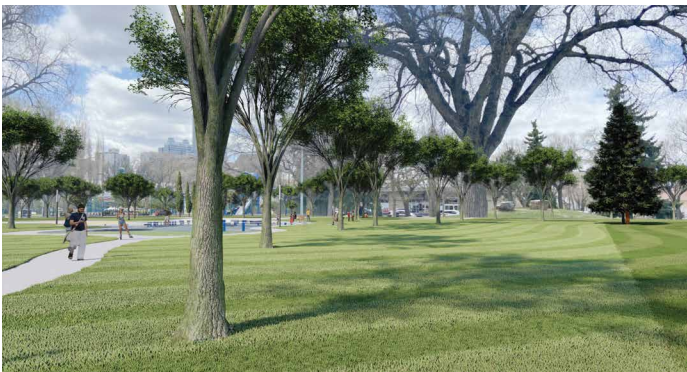
## Parks, public spaces and Low Impact Development

**Parks:** City policies and standards provided direction to the Project Team to design a network of high-quality, accessible and connected open spaces in Edmonton that also consider climate resilience. Technical studies and public input guided the designs that include active transportation connections to and through parks such as Giovanni Caboto Park.

**Public spaces:** User experiences can be enhanced through the addition of elements like wider sidewalks, seating, trees, unique paving and gathering areas. Locations where such enhancements are being added include, but are not limited to:

- + 105 Avenue
- + 106 Avenue
- + 108/108A Avenue
- + 92 Street
- + 96 Street
- + 98 Street

### Rendering of future Giovanni Caboto Park new pathway



### Rendering of future 108A Avenue looking east of 95 Street



## Funding

Funding for the Neighbourhood Renewal program has come through a combination of City-wide property taxes and provincial funding over the past decade. To be approved for construction, the cost for the design must fall within the renewal budget for the neighbourhood. Some elements proposed may not receive funding, however efforts will be made to partner with other City programs and initiatives to leverage additional funding opportunities.

## Local Improvements

### What is a Local Improvement?

A local improvement is a construction project undertaken near or adjacent to residents' properties which benefits the residents' area greater than to Edmonton as a whole. Local improvements are a part of the Neighbourhood Renewal discussions with you and your neighbours.

### The Local Improvement Process

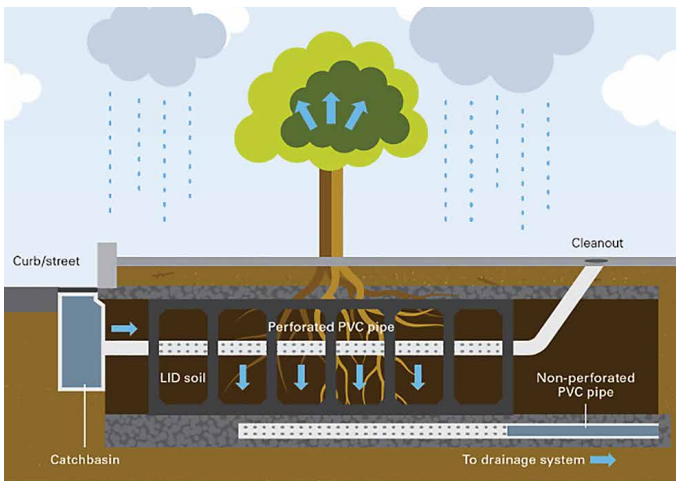
The discussion on local improvements in your neighbourhood will start early in the neighbourhood renewal process. The early stages of the process will include information on what local improvements may be appropriate for your neighbourhood.

### Sidewalk Local Improvement notices

In January 2023, sidewalk Local Improvement notices were mailed to property owners giving them the option to petition against sidewalk reconstruction. If enough property owners in a geographic area petition against it, the City will not reconstruct a specific section of sidewalk. The City will continue to repair sidewalks to ensure they are safe, however, should the property owners wish to have the sidewalk reconstructed in the future they would be responsible for the full cost.

# Low Impact Development

Throughout McCauley, Low Impact Development (LID) infrastructure will be installed. This uses natural features to protect water quality and lessen the impact to our drainage system.



Currently, when it rains, the water on your street flows into a catch basin connected to underground pipes which lead to the wastewater treatment plant or into the North Saskatchewan River. McCauley's construction will include LID features that rainwater and snowmelt will be directed into. LID uses plants and special soils to capture, store and manage the water from small rain events. Excess water drains into the underground pipes as it did before.

## What are the benefits of LID?

- + LID helps reduce local flooding. In smaller rain events, the amount of rain can be entirely absorbed by the plants and soil in the LID facility. In bigger storms, the LID facility slows the speed of the water entering the underground pipes which can help reduce flooding in our neighbourhoods.
- + Cleaner stormwater leads to a cleaner river. LID soils and plants filter many pollutants stopping them from entering the underground pipes. In neighbourhoods with a combined sewer system, the frequency of untreated water being discharged into the river will be reduced.
- + LID provides green spaces that can help our bees and wildlife.
- + Plants in LID facilities use carbon air pollutants and reduce the impact of heat reflecting off of paved surfaces.
- + There is no visible difference between a LID facility and a typical landscaped area.
- + LID maintenance is provided by EPCOR.

If you have any questions about LID facility construction please contact:

**EPCOR Drainage**  
**780-509-8080**  
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## For more information:

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