



# What We Heard Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs  
September to October 2022

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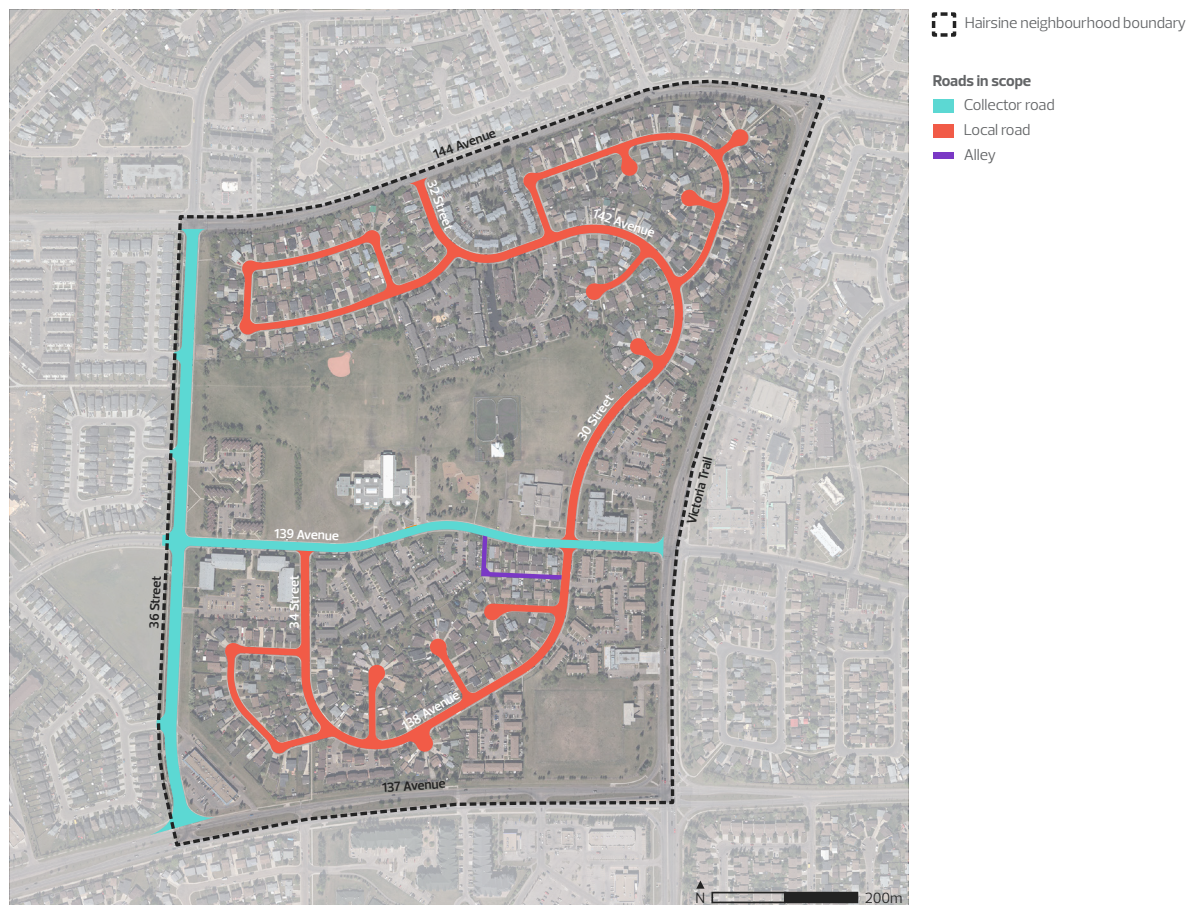
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# Project Overview

Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal in Hairsine is anticipated to begin in 2024. Through the City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood Renewal program, we will rehabilitate roads, replace street lights, curbs and gutters, repair sidewalks and connect missing sidewalk links where possible. 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.

Cost-Sharing Opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street light upgrades in the neighbourhood. Other opportunities to improve City-owned parks and public spaces will also be explored.

## Hairsine Neighbourhood Renewal Project Scope Map



# Roadmap to Building Great Neighbourhoods

The Neighbourhood Renewal program follows the roadmap below. At each step, the Project Team shares with you how your input will inform the decisions being made.

This report highlights the input received during the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage between September and October 2022.

## Road Map to Building Great Neighbourhoods



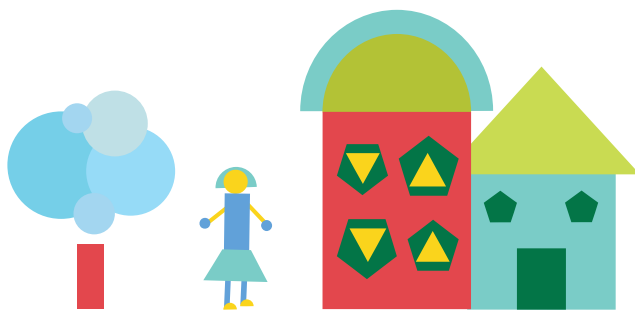
# Public Engagement Spectrum

The City of Edmonton seeks input from the public to help guide the project. The City's Public Engagement Spectrum, below, shows the four levels of influence the public can have on decisions made by the City throughout the project.

The public was invited to provide input that would help:

- + **REFINE** the Project Team's proposed design options

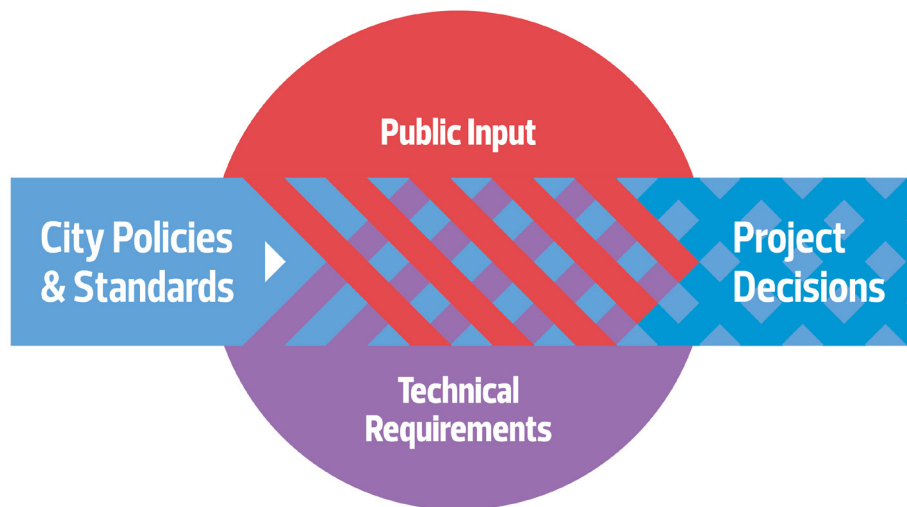
We commit to telling you how your input influences decisions according to the Public Engagement Spectrum.



# Decision-Making Process

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 residents who live, work and play in the neighbourhood, while considering technical aspects such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will fit in the neighbourhood.

This process helps to ensure 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.



# What We Asked and How We Asked

The Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Project Team organized the following opportunities for the public to share their thoughts on the most important considerations when looking at tradeoffs for design options. This input will help the Project Team **REFINE** the options into a draft design for neighbourhood and alley renewal.



## Online Survey

An online survey was available from September 19 to October 14, 2022. We shared specific ideas for Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal in Hairsine and asked you questions to help **REFINE** options for the following themes:

- + Biking, driving and traffic safety
- + Walking, rolling and public transit
- + Open spaces

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**33 survey participants**

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## Website

- + 400 unique visits to [edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine](https://edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine)
- + 113 downloads of the design package
- + 31 video views



## In-Person Meetings

- + 50 people at St. Bonaventure Catholic School Meet the Teacher night
- + 50 people at John D. Bracco Junior High School Meet the Teacher night
- + 172 people at Hairsine Community League Day
- + 70 people at a Clareview Recreation Centre intercept event

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**346+ conversations in community**

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## How We Communicated

- + 3,653 postcards delivered
- + 13 yard signs
- + 3,443 newsletters delivered
- + 2 road signs
- + 25 posters

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**6,000+ touchpoints with community**

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# What We Heard

## Confirmation of Vision and Guiding Principles

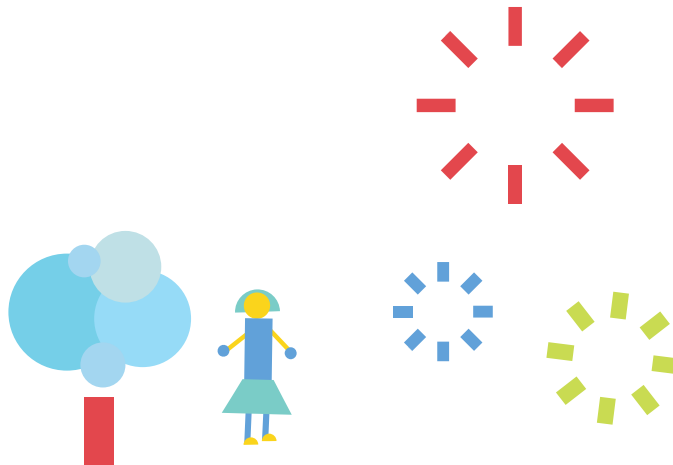
In the previous stage of engagement, we worked with the community to **CREATE** a neighbourhood Vision statement and a set of Guiding Principles. This Vision will be used to guide decision making for Neighbourhood Renewal. The Guiding Principles are ideas that inform how the Vision should be applied to the neighbourhood design.

During the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage of engagement, we presented the Vision and Guiding Principles to the community through an online survey, in-person events and a virtual event.

Participants confirmed the Vision and Guiding Principles accurately reflected the current and future needs of the community.

### Draft Vision

Hairsine is a generationally and culturally diverse community that is safe, family friendly and welcoming for all residents and visitors. There are lots of green spaces, amenities, parks and trees offering many opportunities to enjoy Hairsine's beautiful surroundings. We are proud to have safe and accessible connections to and from other neighbourhoods, nearby businesses and amenities for people of all ages and abilities. The children who live and learn in Hairsine feel safe when walking, driving and rolling to and from school. We are continuously looking for ways to celebrate our diversity and foster positive relationships between neighbours and stakeholders.





## Draft Guiding Principles



Hairsine is a family and kid-friendly neighbourhood with safe spaces, parks and amenities to enjoy



Hairsine has beautiful green, open spaces with picnic tables and benches for friends, family and neighbours to gather and build relationships with one another



Hairsine has upgraded sidewalks, roadways and wide pathways throughout the neighbourhood that provide safe and accessible connections for people of all ages and abilities



Hairsine has well-lit spaces, crosswalks and streets



Hairsine honours and celebrates the cultural diversity of all residents and visitors

## What are Options and Tradeoffs?

**Options** are proposed ideas for you to consider.

A **Tradeoff** is understanding what else is affected as a result of a suggested change to an existing space. How you feel about the tradeoff is important for the Project Team to understand.

Here is an example:

**Option:** To improve the east-west walking and biking experience through the City-owned park, a new pathway with seating is proposed.

**Tradeoffs:** Some open green space may be reduced to make way for pathways and benches. Trees may also need to be moved or removed.

We ask you how you'd feel about losing green space and moving or removing trees. This helps us understand which of the tradeoffs is most important to the community and we use this information to help **REFINE** the design.



# Reporting Back on Public Engagement

During public engagement, the Project Team held conversations with residents and stakeholders to identify what the community deems important to maintain and what is flexible when making changes within the Neighbourhood Renewal design.

The input received is summarized in this report and will be considered in determining which design options will move forward, which design options require modification and which new design options are being proposed to be included in the Draft Design.

The following sections include a summary of what we heard during this stage of engagement. The summary has been developed to reflect the relevancy, frequency and diversity of the responses we received, based on the questions asked to residents.

## 1.0 Biking and driving

### 1.1 Bike connections

Changes were proposed to increase safety and enhance connectivity for people who bike.

#### Proposed options

- + Shared pathways along 36 Street, 139 Avenue and within the neighborhood

#### What we heard

- + Participants support bike connections when they are shared pathways that don't impact driving
- + Participants indicated they would like to see better lighting on bike paths

*"I like that it adds a safe space for those who wish to ride their bikes. I believe it will help to encourage more people to use more environmentally friendly options."*



## 1.2 Redesign of 36 Street

Four options were proposed to enhance pathways and improve safety on 36 Street.

Proposed options	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ New boulevard with trees and shared pathway on the east side</li><li>+ Extended boulevard on the west side, new boulevard with trees and a shared pathway on east side</li><li>+ New raised or protected on-street bike lanes</li><li>+ Central median with trees</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Most participants did not support options that would impact driving</li><li>+ Participants welcomed trees and greenery</li><li>+ Participants wanted traffic safety to be a key concern for any redesigns</li></ul>

*“I like the idea of extra trees and landscaping as well as the reduction of speed, considering the proximity of the schools and playground.”*

## 1.3 36 Street linear green space

Two options were proposed to increase naturalized green space along 36 Street.

Proposed options	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ New shrubs and naturalized ground cover</li><li>+ New shrubs, naturalized ground cover and new shared pathways and seating areas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Participants indicated they would like greenery, but also want plants to be maintained to ensure visibility of signs and people who walk</li></ul>

*“Trees would be nice, as well as shrubs, but could see that being an issue with utilities.”*

## 1.4 Intersection at 36 Street and 139 Avenue

Two options were proposed to improve navigation for people who drive and walk through this intersection.

Proposed options	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Four-way stop with curb extensions</li><li>+ Traffic circle</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Participants supported a solution that keeps traffic flowing safely through this intersection.</li><li>+ Some participants felt no changes are needed to this intersection</li><li>+ Some participants thought street lights and crossing lights were missing at this location</li></ul>

*“I like the [four-way stop] option more. While the added green space in the centre would be nice, I worry about visibility for buses or larger transportation vehicles.”*

### 1.5 Redesign of 139 Avenue

Two options were proposed to slow traffic and improve safety for people who walk, bike or roll.

#### Proposed options

- + New shared pathway and boulevard with trees
- + Wider sidewalks on both sides and new boulevard with trees

#### What we heard

- + Most participants liked the pedestrian accessibility provided by the options
- + Some participants indicated concern about the potential loss of parking spaces
- + Some participants suggested a drop-off/pick-up zone next to the schools

*"I like the fact that it allows for wider sidewalks."*

## 2.0 Walking, rolling and public transit

### 2.1 Crosswalks

Three options were proposed to increase the feeling of safety for people who walk.

#### Proposed options

- + Curb extension
- + Raised crosswalk
- + Raised median

#### What we heard

- + Most participants supported raised crosswalks
- + Some participants indicated more lighting is needed at future crosswalks
- + Some participants shared concern about the loss of parking caused by raised crosswalks
- + Some participants indicated concern about losing space for vehicles and that added greenspace would reduce visibility for drivers

*"Raised is a great idea! And it will naturally slow vehicles down."*



## 2.2 Measures to slow traffic

Three options were proposed to slow traffic and improve safety for people who walk, bike or roll.

Proposed options	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Speed hump</li><li>+ Raised crosswalk</li><li>+ Curb extension</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Most participants supported measures to slow traffic, as long as traffic flow is preserved</li><li>+ Participants suggested additional measures to slow traffic in the area of 139 Avenue and 30 Street</li></ul>

*“Raised crosswalk encourages vehicles to slow down for crosswalks.”*

## 3.0 Open spaces

### 3.1 Improvements to Hairsine Park

Four options were proposed to improve the useability and enjoyment of Hairsine Park.

Proposed options	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ New trees</li><li>+ New naturalized planting areas</li><li>+ Additional lighting along new pathways</li><li>+ Kid-friendly sidewalk games</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Participants shared strong support for all of the options for Hairsine Park improvements</li><li>+ Some participants told us they thought additional waste bins were needed</li></ul>

*“The additional greenery and lights are great ideas.”*

### 3.2 Seating areas and other amenities

Two options for seating areas were proposed to improve the useability and enjoyment of Hairsine Park.

Proposed options	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Seating area option 1 – Rectangular</li><li>+ Seating area option 2 – Circular</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Participants shared strong support for all of the options for Hairsine Park improvements</li><li>+ Participants told us they feel comfortable with both seating area options</li><li>+ Some participants told us they thought additional waste bins were needed</li></ul>

*“I like the new modern seating area, hopefully it will be well lit”*

# Next Steps

Thank you to all who shared their input during the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage of engagement. Your feedback will be considered along with City policies, programs and technical requirements, in deciding which design options move forward, which design options require modification and which new design options will be proposed as part of the Draft Design.

In spring 2023, the public will be invited to the **Community Feedback on Draft Design** stage of engagement for Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal. The Project Team will return to the community to share a Draft Design of proposed renewal changes for your neighbourhood. During the next stage, we will invite you to provide feedback that will be used to help **REFINE** the Draft Design for Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal.

Information will also be provided about **Cost-Sharing Opportunities** for decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction through the Local Improvement process.

For more information regarding the Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal, upcoming public engagement activities and to subscribe for project updates, please visit [edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine](https://edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine).



# 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, street lights and park spaces. We will also 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. For more information regarding the Hairsine Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal, upcoming public engagement activities and to subscribe for project updates, please visit [edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingHairsine).



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