

# COMMUNITY CAPITAL INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

## NEIGHBOURHOOD REVITALIZATION INGLEWOOD

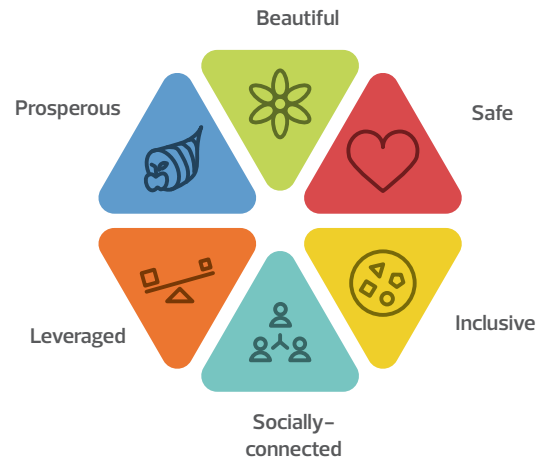
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This report sets out community recommendations for the prioritization of Neighbourhood Revitalization funding for capital projects in Inglewood. The work was initiated in December 2020 as a collaboration between Inglewood residents, City of Edmonton Neighbourhood Revitalization, local stakeholders, and external facilitators.

The prioritization process stepped into a flow of community-defined change that had been building for several years. Inglewood's Revitalization Strategy was published by the City of Edmonton in 2019. The Strategy set out a vision, goals, and high-level priorities for revitalization actions (both capital projects and programming work) in the neighbourhood.

The prioritization process outlined in this report used the Inglewood Revitalization Strategy as a basis and departure point. Additional inputs included 'What We Heard' reports from recent engagements through both Revitalization and Renewal, active City of Edmonton projects, and records of community ideation. In close collaboration with the Capital Investment Advisory Committee, these inputs were organized and reframed into a shortlist of projects and a rigorous set of criteria. The criteria were organized into six categories, shown in the diagram above.

The community-defined criteria, listed here, were used to adjudicate the short-list of prospective capital projects in a scoring process that resulted in the list of community recommended projects. Within Edmonton's Public Engagement Spectrum, this work included both 'Create' and 'Refine' activities.



Project Criteria	
<b>Location</b>	Attracts people to local businesses.
<b>Destination</b>	Draws people from outside Inglewood.
<b>Guests</b>	Improves the 'guest' experience.
<b>Interaction</b>	Gives strangers an excuse to interact.
<b>Activities</b>	Invites people to participate in activities together.
<b>Seating</b>	Provides seating for groups.
<b>Events</b>	Creates spaces people want to host events in.
<b>Clean</b>	Remains clean-looking over time.
<b>Nature</b>	Brings natural life to the neighbourhood.
<b>Security</b>	Provides safe, well-lit spaces.
<b>Mobility</b>	Improves mobility to make it safer and smoother for all modes.
<b>Assets</b>	Highlights existing neighbourhood assets.
<b>Funded</b>	Builds on funded or planned projects.
<b>Flexible</b>	Supports multiple functions and uses.
<b>Year-round</b>	Works in all seasons.
<b>Free</b>	Doesn't require money to enjoy.
<b>Accessible</b>	Improves access for seniors, children, and people with reduced ability.
<b>Identity</b>	Invites and supports a range of activities for diverse users.

# Community Recommended Capital Projects

The following eight projects were defined and identified as priority capital investments in Inglewood. Once submitted, these projects will undergo further review and refinement at the City of Edmonton. They will be assessed in the context of budget cycles, ownership, maintenance, and other more detailed constraints.



## A. Multi-use plaza node

a flexible park enhancement that adds lighting, hard surfacing, power, and other elements that enable multiple uses over time, like craft markets, farmers' markets, arts and culture, and other programmed outdoor events.



## B. Water node

a water feature in Inglewood Park that provides opportunities for passive enjoyment and activities for all ages.



## C. Games node

a park enrichment project that adds opportunities for games recreation, including public ping pong tables, gameboards, and other elements to invite play for all ages and abilities.



## D. Growing node

an orchard and learning space that brings food-bearing plants to public space, along with a small education node.



### E. Mural Project

focused on the back sides of the industrial buildings that face onto the linear park, this project looks to brighten the park space, create opportunities for wayfinding and the expression of local identity, and engage with local artists and storytellers.



### F. Soccer Amenities

Young people in the neighbourhood use Inglewood Park's existing soccer field throughout the summer. This project sees the improvement of existing equipment, field markings, and addition of seating, lighting, and a water fountain that celebrate its role as a social gathering space.



### G. Park Lighting

In addition to the work being done through Renewal, ensure that both Winnifred Stewart Park and John A. Norris park are equipped with adequate lighting to ensure they feel safe when it's dark out.



### H. Inclusive Playground

Building on the local presence of the Winnifred Stewart Association and the upcoming senior facility, establish an inclusive play space that invites and celebrates people of all ages and abilities to play in Inglewood.

# The Capital Investment Process

The community-recommended capital projects in this report must be confirmed to align with high-level strategy and internal prioritization at the City of Edmonton.

The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public engagement input, technical requirements, and available funding. This process helps to ensure that decisions 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 Edmonton.

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# Using the Criteria

The criteria framework developed through this process has ongoing value for Inglewood. First, they can be used to assess future Neighbourhood Revitalization opportunities that did not emerge in this process. Opportunities to leverage other initiatives can emerge at any time, and the criteria framework forms an effective touchpoint that can help assess the value of a prospective investment. Additionally, the criteria can be used to communicate community intention for a wide range of projects.

These criteria add a local perspective to the City of Edmonton's Project Develop and Delivery Model (PDDM). This model provides additional checkpoints for all projects to ensure they meet broader criteria related to budget, maintenance, and other project performance metrics.

