

Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal

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Edmonton

Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal is coming to Meyonohk!

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

Ready to explore design options for the streets, sidewalks, alleys and parks in Meyonohk?

The City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal program will build new roads, curbs, gutters and sidewalks and install new street lights in Meyonohk. The program will also explore other neighbourhood improvements such as street crossings, bike connections and improvements to City-owned parks and gathering spaces.

Cost-sharing opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street light upgrades in the neighbourhood.

The new infrastructure will be in place for the next 30 – 50 years.

Project map



Stay informed and engaged

From September 26 to October 15, you are invited to the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage of engagement for Meyonohk.

Meet with Us!



Drop-in community event

October 1

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
2710 79 Street NW

Refreshments and children's activities provided



Complete the online survey

Scan the QR Code to complete the survey between September 26 and October 15.



Visit edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk and sign up to receive project updates and information about upcoming public engagement opportunities.



Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Schedule

JANUARY 2024
Starting the conversation

MARCH – APRIL 2024
Building a Project Vision Together and Exploring Opportunities

WE ARE HERE

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2024
Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

SPRING 2025
Community Feedback on Draft Design

FALL 2025
Community Feedback on Final Design



Get involved!

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs September 26 to October 15

You are invited to help us **REFINE** the options for Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal.

During this stage, the Project Team will ask for your feedback on the draft Vision and Guiding Principles. You can also learn about the benefits and tradeoffs of potential options we are exploring for Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal. We will use the feedback from this stage of engagement to identify what the community believes is important to maintain and what is flexible when making changes within the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal design.

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Creating a Project Vision Together and Exploring Opportunities: Update

From March to April 2024, we collected ideas and insights from participants to help us **REFINE** our understanding of how people experience Meyonohk today and what can be improved or added during Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal.

Thank you to the community members who took part in the online engagement through Engaged Edmonton or participated in the in-person events. We look forward to meeting more Meyonohk community members at our future engagement events.

The Project Team used this input to **CREATE** a draft Vision and Guiding Principles for the Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal project. The Vision will be used to guide decision making for the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal. The Guiding Principles are ideas that inform how the vision will be applied to the neighbourhood design.

You can view and provide feedback on the draft Vision and Guiding Principles through the online engagement at edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk from September 26 to October 15.

Draft community Vision for Meyonohk

We are the friendly, welcoming and vibrant community of Meyonohk.

Our neighbourhood values safety, inclusivity and accessibility. Our residents are well connected with walking trails and major roadways nearby, which allows them to easily explore Meyonohk and beyond.

Draft Guiding Principles for Meyonohk

Community-focused spaces



Foster a sense of community by enhancing public spaces to encourage interaction and inclusion for all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Active and engaged lifestyles



Support healthy, vibrant lifestyles with enhanced recreational opportunities that encourage physical and social activity for everyone.

Connectivity and mobility



Strengthen Meyonohk's network of pathways to ensure safe, convenient movement to destinations and public transit.

Aesthetic and functional spaces



Design public spaces to blend beauty with function and to create places that are enjoyable and practical for everyday use.

Vibrant commercial spaces



Foster dynamic commercial areas that boost business, attract visitors and provide lively community gathering spots.

Eco-friendly design



Integrate eco-friendly infrastructure and green spaces, foster environmental health and resilience, encourage native landscaping and support local ecosystems.

Safe and secure environment



Prioritize safety through infrastructure to enhance safety for all residents.

What you need to know about Local Improvements

What is a Local Improvement?

A Local Improvement is a construction project undertaken near or next to a resident's property which is considered more beneficial to the property owner or local area than to the City as a whole. Local Improvements are part of the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal discussions with you and your neighbours. Learn more about this at our next public engagement event on October 1, 2024, or visit edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements.

Sidewalk reconstruction

A sidewalk reconstruction Local Improvement is initiated by the City as part of Neighbourhood Renewal. As a property owner, you will be able to **DECIDE** whether you would like to proceed with sidewalk reconstruction. For information about cost-sharing with the City on sidewalk reconstruction, visit edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements.

Decorative street light options

Standard, galvanized street lights will be replaced at no extra cost to residents as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal process. However, some communities choose to pay for a decorative street light upgrade, where the additional cost of the upgrade is charged to the property owners as a Local Improvement. The decision to proceed with decorative street lights is a community initiated and decided through the Local Improvement process. More information can be found at edmonton.ca/DecorativeStreetLights. If you are interested in leading this initiative, please contact the Project Manager before May 1, 2025.

How is Neighbourhood Renewal paid for?

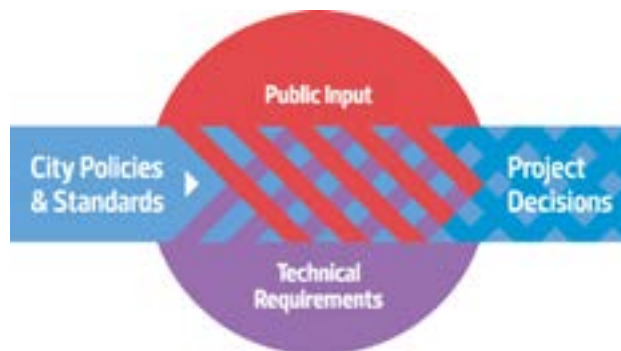
The Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal program is paid for through a City-wide property tax reserve fund dedicated to the program. However, two separate improvements – decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction – are cost-shared by the City and property owners in the neighbourhood, as they are considered a Local Improvement.

How decisions are made

For Neighbourhood Renewal projects, the City of Edmonton makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public input, technical requirements and available funding. 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.

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 and considers technical aspects, such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees, to determine what will fit in the neighbourhood.

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Public engagement input is used to:

- + **CREATE** Neighbourhood Renewal Vision and Guiding Principles
- + **REFINE** project understanding of neighbourhood assets, opportunities and priorities
- + **REFINE** Neighbourhood Renewal design options
- + **REFINE** the draft design
- + **ADVISE** the Project Team on the final design's alignment with the Vision and Guiding Principles
- + **DECIDE** on decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction Local Improvements

During the Exploring Options and Tradeoffs stage, the public will:

- + **REFINE** the Vision and Guiding Principles
- + **REFINE** and **ADVISE** on Neighbourhood Renewal design options

No access to online resources? No problem! If you do not have access or if you prefer to engage differently, the Project Team is available to schedule one-on-one phone calls with interested participants to share information, answer questions and gather input. Email BuildingGreatNeighbourhoods@edmonton.ca OR call 311 and ask to be connected with a Project Team member by phone.

For more information:

Web: edmonton.ca/BuildingMeyonohk

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Call: 311

