

# Alley Renewal

## Strathearn

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Edmonton

# WELCOME

The City of Edmonton acknowledges the traditional land on which we reside, is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as nêhiyaw (Cree), Dené, Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), Nakota Isga (Nakota Sioux), and Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) peoples.

We also acknowledge this as the Métis' homeland and the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel.

It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. Together we call upon all of our collective, honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations.



# Agenda

- Alley Renewal project overview
- What to expect from the Alley Renewal
- **Activity 1:** How do you currently use your neighbourhood alley?
- **Activity 2:** Alley Renewal design considerations
- What to expect during construction
- Introduction to Local Improvements
- General Q&A
- Wrap-up

# Polls

## Question 1:

Which of the following describes you in the Strathearn neighbourhood? Select all that apply.

- Live
- Own property
- Rent property
- Work
- Visit at least once per week
- Operate a business
- Other (please specify)
- Prefer not to answer

## Question 2:

Which best describes your age?

- Less than 18 years
- 18 - 24 years
- 25 - 34 years
- 35 - 44 years
- 45 - 54 years
- 55 - 64 years
- 65 years or older
- Other (please specify)
- Prefer not to answer

# Alley Renewal Program



- Alley Renewal is a City funded capital program that renews alley infrastructure
- Locations are chosen based on alley condition and alignment with planned utility work
- 1,200 kilometres of alleys will be renewed in Edmonton over the next 25 years

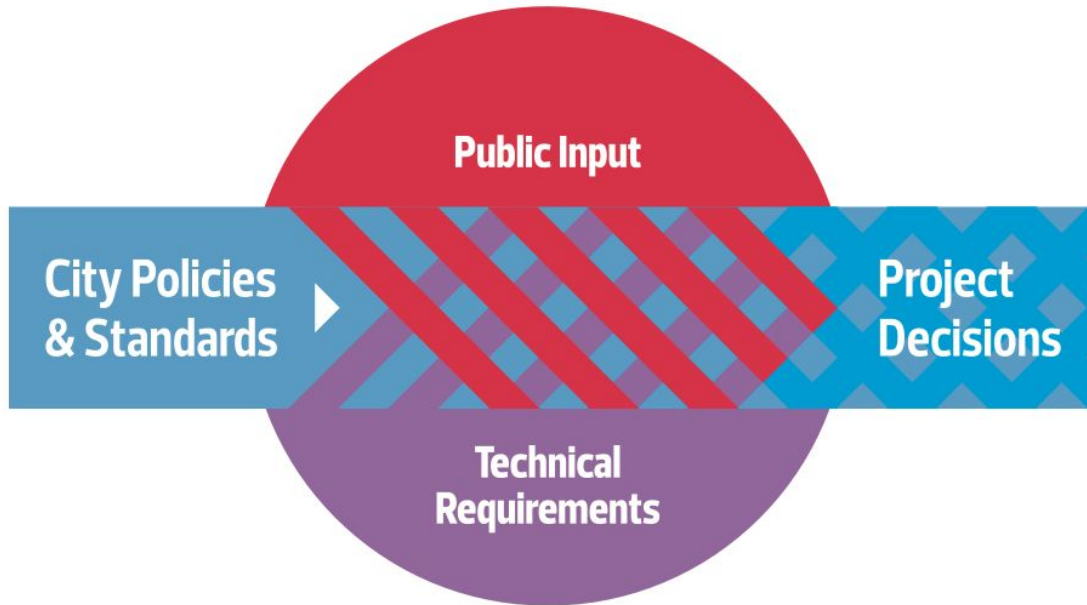
# Process and Timelines

- Draft Design
  - January - May 2022
- Final Design
  - June 2022 - February 2023
- Pre-construction information sharing in early 2023
- Construction anticipated 2023-2025

# Alley Renewal includes:

- Reconstructing your alley with a hard surface
- Improving surface drainage where possible
- Upgrading any existing alley lighting upgraded with LED bulbs
- Pruning trees/shrubs as necessary ahead of construction
- Exploring minor enhancements to improve pedestrian and bicycle movement and traffic safety

# How decisions are made





# Objectives of Today's Session

We want to understand how you experience the alleys in your neighbourhood and ask for your input on what we might do to make them better.

## Residents **ADVISE** the project team on:

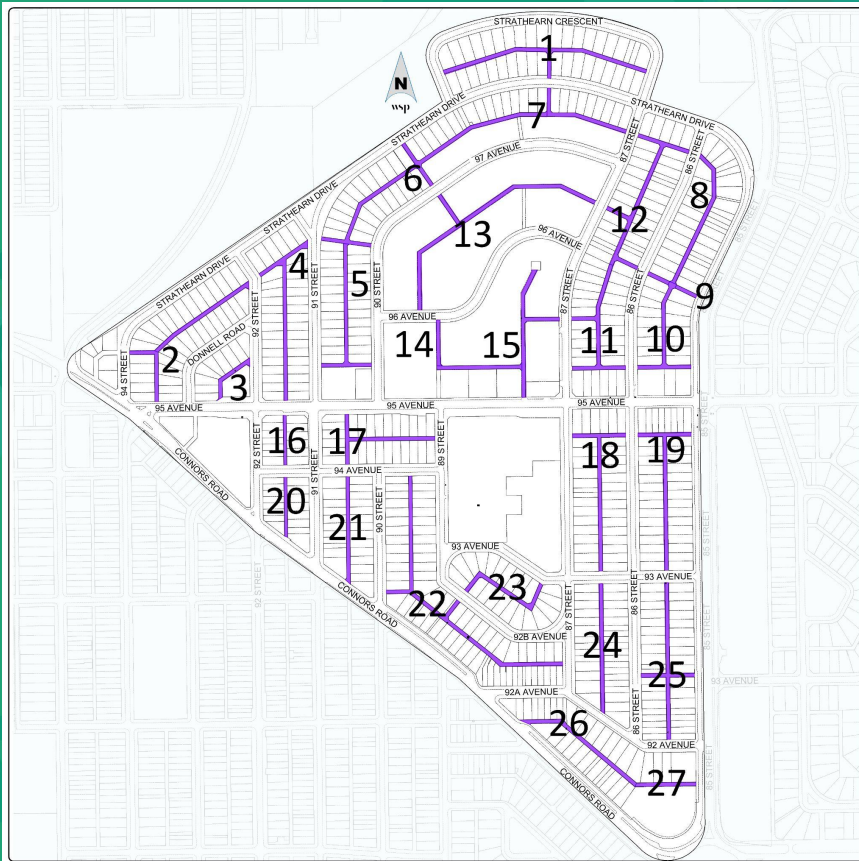
- Any alley concerns
- Any upcoming property activity that may impact the alley or construction
- How they currently use the alley.

When lighting does not exist in an alley, residents can, through the Local Improvement process, **DECIDE** to add lights to the alley.

# Activity 1: How do you currently use your neighbourhood alley?

1. How do you currently use alleys in the neighbourhood?
  - a. As a resident - driving to access garages or parking pads?
  - b. How do you travel around/through the neighbourhood?
  - c. Thinking of your family uses
  - d. Thinking about future uses

# Alley Scope Map



# Activity 2: Alley Renewal design considerations

1. When creating designs for what Alley Renewal in Strathearn might look like, what should we know about how your alley currently functions?
2. What specific property issues or activities should the City pay attention to (e.g., drainage concerns, obstruction or sight issues, travel speeds, biking, walking, etc.)?



# What to expect in preparation for Alley Renewal



As the City prepares for construction in your alley, you may see:

- **Utility inspections and repairs**
  - Our utility partners will ensure required repairs are completed prior to alley construction
  - May include drilling of small holes to check for utility locations
- **Land surveys**
  - May include flags and paint markings

# What to expect in preparation for Alley Renewal



## Tree and shrub pruning and removals

- A professional arborist will be completing any necessary tree and shrub pruning and removals required to provide clearance for construction
- Property owners will be consulted if:
  - Pruning is extensive
  - A private tree requires removal
- There is no cost to property owners
- Trees, hedges and shrubs on city property within alley right-of-way may be removed and not replaced to consider:
  - Future potential conflicts with overhead utility lines
  - Clearances required for automated waste collection

# During Construction

- Expect your alley to be inaccessible for approximately 4 weeks
- Waste collection will be moved to front streets temporarily during construction
- Parking will be unavailable in the alley, please let us know about any accessibility concerns





# Construction Timing

- Currently in the planning and design stage 2022-2023
- Final Design shared at the pre-construction event in 2023
- Construction dates will be confirmed upon completion of design and is anticipated to occur between 2023-2025
- The Project Team will advise your neighbourhood when specific construction dates have been scheduled



# What are Local Improvements?

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- These are specific projects such as alley lighting that are considered more beneficial to the local area than the city as a whole

## What would Local improvements look like for this Alley Renewal project?

- **Addition** of new alley lighting is a property owner initiated and funded Local Improvement

# Alley Lighting - Existing Lights



- Alley Renewal covers the cost of upgrading existing alley lighting to LED bulbs
- Adding alley lighting is NOT included in Alley Renewal
- Property owners wishing to add lighting to their alley can do so through the Local Improvement Program:
  - Adding alley lighting would be 100% funded by all property owners on the alley
  - For more information visit:
    - **Web:** [edmonton.ca/alleylighting](https://edmonton.ca/alleylighting) or
    - **Email:** [localimprovement@edmonton.ca](mailto:localimprovement@edmonton.ca)

# Alley Lighting - No Lights



## **If your alley currently has poles but no lighting:**

- Property owners can add lighting to the poles through the Local Improvement Program
- Power will need to be added in with a separate meter box
- This cost of the lights and power boxes would be shared by all property owners on the alley and may be paid in a lump sum or over the period of five years

# Alley Lighting - No Lights or Poles



## **If your alley currently has no poles or lighting:**

- Property owners can add poles and lights through the Local Improvement Program
- Power will need to be added in with a separate meter box
- The cost of the poles, lights and power boxes would be shared by all property owners on the alley and may be paid in a lump sum or over the period of five years

# Questions?

# Contact

If you have any questions or local knowledge you would like to share with the Project Team please contact:

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