

# BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter Issue #1 – October 2021

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## Neighbourhood Renewal is coming to Baturyn!

Through the Building Great Neighbourhoods Branch, the Neighbourhood Renewal Program rehabilitates your residential roads, replaces street lights, repairs sidewalks and, where possible, connects missing sidewalk links. 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. Other opportunities to improve parks and public spaces are also explored. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2023.

Planning has been underway for Baturyn's Neighbourhood Renewal since summer of 2020. We have been busy reviewing resident feedback, understanding technical opportunities and constraints and incorporating City policies into a single draft design for the neighbourhood. The design will show you how each proposed improvement for walking, biking, driving, rolling, playing and gathering, work together as a system to provide the best neighbourhood experience for all users.

In this newsletter, we want to share with you a summary of the engagement activities from the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage, and invite you to participate in the upcoming engagement where we will show you the draft design.



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In order to maintain safety at public events and keeping physical distancing a priority, the project team has opted to continue gathering your feedback virtually. We remain committed to delivering project information and meaningful public engagement opportunities efficiently and safely. We hope that we will be able to engage with you in person in 2022.

## Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal Schedule

### NOVEMBER 2020

Building a Community  
Vision Together and  
Exploring Opportunities

### APRIL–JUNE 2021

Exploring Options  
and Trade-offs

WE ARE  
HERE

### NOVEMBER 2021

Community Feedback  
on Draft Design

### SPRING 2022

Community Feedback  
on Final Design

### JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2023

Preparing for Construction &  
Local Improvement Decisions

### SPRING 2023–FALL 2025

Construction on your streets

## What's next? Community Feedback on Draft Design

In November 2021, we will be ready to share the draft design for your feedback.

Here is what we have proposed:

### Learn about and share your feedback on the Draft Design:

Available **November 5–21, 2021**. Watch the website [edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn) or sign up for our electronic mail out to be notified when it becomes available.



#### Draft Design Booklet and Video

A draft design booklet and narrated video will be posted on the project website for your viewing. The information will include all of the proposed improvements for sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, bike routes, measures used to slow traffic, school drop-off areas, parks and open spaces, placemaking opportunities and enhancements to alleys.



#### Online Survey

Tell us what you think about the proposed changes for Baturyn. The survey can be accessed from the project website at [edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn).



#### Have a question for the project team?

Ask your questions by filling out the online form on our project website and our project team will respond. You may also call **311** to arrange a conversation with a project team member.

#### No online access?

If you do not have online access, please contact **311** to connect with a project team member to arrange for a paper copy of the Draft Design and survey to be delivered to you in November 2021.

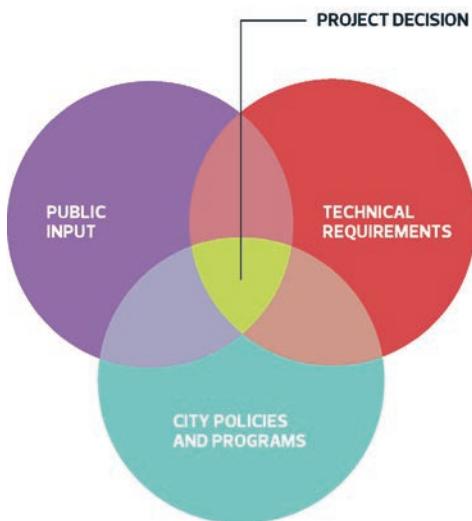
*"I like the online information booklets and surveys. It lets me participate when I have free time instead of trying to get to an in person event or specific time event."*



# 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 that 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 your neighbourhood and 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.



## Road Map to Building Great Neighbourhoods



### LEGEND

- Public Engagement and Communications Opportunities
- Concept Phase
- Design Phase
- Build Phase
- Operate Phase





# Baturyn Community Vision & Guiding Principles

The Vision and Guiding Principles for Baturyn's Neighbourhood Renewal were drafted with input received from residents and stakeholders in November 2020. The draft was posted online for feedback during the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage in April 2021 and modified based on this input prior to being finalized.

## Baturyn Community Vision

Baturyn is a generationally and culturally diverse community that offers a safe, friendly and walkable experience for families and visitors. There are lots of opportunities to experience green spaces and recreational activities.

We take pride in our connections within our neighbourhood and with the nearby communities and we value friendly gatherings with our neighbours.

We enjoy experiencing the serene and peaceful surroundings that Baturyn has to offer. Baturyn is continuously looking to grow the connections between its diverse residents and neighbours.

## Guiding Principles



Baturyn has an abundance of amenities such as benches, bike racks and a playground that help to create spaces that are attractive and comfortable.



Baturyn has good connections and wide pathways which provide safe and accessible mobility for people of all ages and abilities.



Baturyn has safe, well-lit spaces and streets for all residents and visitors.



Baturyn is a great place to walk and bike.



Baturyn has spaces to meet and connect with neighbours in all seasons.



Baturyn has many family and kid-friendly spaces and amenities for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

*"Baturyn is a great neighbourhood to raise a family and it has a lot to offer."*





# Reporting back on Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

During the **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** stage, we completed the following engagement tactics to assist us in **REFINING** the design options for Baturyn:



### Conducted an online survey

+ Available from March 31 – April 18, 2021



### Conducted virtual meetings with key stakeholders

+ Multiple dates from March to June 2021



### Provided opportunities for feedback via the online Engaged Edmonton platform

+ Available from March 31 – April 18, 2021



### Hosted two public engagement webinars

+ April 14 and 17, 2021



### Shared an online survey specific to Harry Farmer Park

+ Available to the public from June 16 – 23, 2021.



*"I like that [the new seating areas] will give seniors more places they can go with their grand children and let them play as they get a rest in."*







## What you had to say

In April 2021, we invited Baturyn's residents, businesses and visitors to view design options for Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal. Design options were provided for:

### + Pedestrian sidewalks and crossings

- + Many residents enjoy walking in Baturyn so more space on the sidewalks would be appreciated.
- + Residents appreciate making the neighbourhood feel safer and more connected for those who walk, bike and roll
- + With the addition of new sidewalks, some residents were concerned about additional snow clearing and maintenance responsibilities for adjacent property owners

### + Bike routes in the neighbourhood

- + Residents appreciated that bike facilities would make Baturyn safer for those who bike, especially children and youth
- + Residents indicated that they are most comfortable with the shared pathways for bike routes
- + Residents wanted better connectivity within Baturyn and to surrounding neighbourhoods for people who walk, bike and roll

### + Enhancements to alleys

- + Residents enjoy being active in Baturyn and those that currently use the alleys as connections to walk, bike and roll liked the proposed enhancements such as lighting and stamped pavement

### + Enhancements to parks and open spaces

- + Residents supported the additional lighting and how it can increase the feeling of safety of the area
- + Residents liked the potential of adding art and community-led projects into the neighbourhood to make it more visually appealing and welcoming overall

### + Creating spaces to meet our neighbours

- + Residents thought that wayfinding signage would help people to be more aware of the available connections and amenities in and outside of the neighbourhood
- + Seating areas would be well-used and appreciated by people of all ages and abilities, particularly seniors
- + Removing on-street parking at the commercial area site may be a loss to both residents and business owners

### + Traffic management, including traffic calming to enhance safety

- + Residents appreciated and feel that the changes increase safety for students around the schools
- + Many residents identified speeding concerns in the neighbourhood due to the wide roadways
- + Residents value safety for people walking, rolling, and biking and would appreciate measures to slow traffic such as curb extensions to help shorten crossing distances and increase visibility at crossings

*"[Harry Farmer Park] is a beautiful cozy little park nestled in the residential area. I think it would be important that this little gem remains quaint & relaxed for the area."*



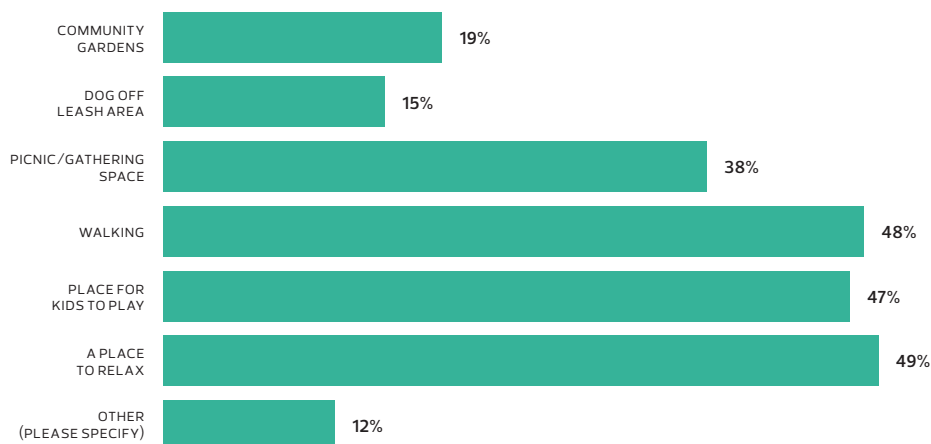


## Key feedback received in June 2021 from residents on Harry Farmer Park

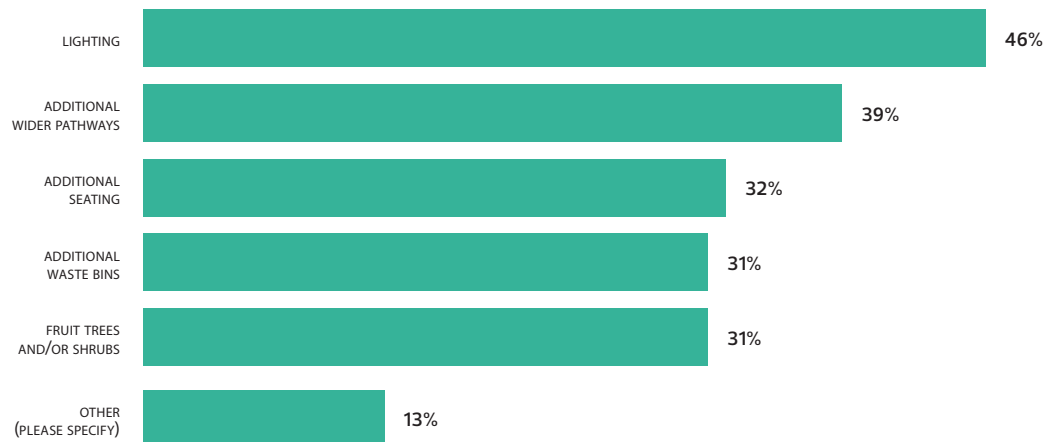
- + Most residents would like to see a simple design for this park, including additional amenities and connecting pathways
- + Some residents are unsure if the proposed community-led garden would be used and expressed concern that it may not be adequately maintained
- + Residents also expressed concern about the maintenance and clean up of fruit bearing trees and shrubs
- + Some residents expressed concern with the enhancement to a proposed off-leash dog park and do not think that Harry Farmer Park would be the best location



## How would you like to use this space IN THE FUTURE?\*



## What are your top two priorities for amenities in Harry Farmer Park?\*



To learn about what your community had to say, please review the [Exploring Options and Trade-offs What We Heard](#) report and the [Harry Farmer Park What We Heard](#) report found at [edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn](http://edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn). There, you can also review the Urban Design Analysis and Design Options Package.

\* Survey respondents could choose multiple answers.



# Community-led Projects

## What is a community-led project?

A community-led project is carried out by a group of people from the neighbourhood. This group creates a project vision for the project, schedule and budget. Projects can occur on or in public or private land and/or facilities and can lead to programming or infrastructure.

The City of Edmonton can support these projects by providing staff and resources. Neighbourhood Resource Coordinators (NRC) support communities on many projects such as park enhancements, murals and programming.

Several ideas for community-led opportunities were proposed throughout the design package. Upgrading the Castle Downs sign, adding a picnic shelter and including enhanced plantings like fruit bearing trees and shrubs were the most popular options with the community. The following is a list of those opportunities found in the design package:

- + Adding a shelter or gazebo by the playground in Baturyn Park
- + Enhanced landscaping and plantings such as a fruit forest or fruit bearing trees and shrubs throughout the neighbourhood
- + Interpretive signage for parks or fruit forest
- + A community garden in Harry Farmer Park
- + A dog agility area in Harry Farmer Park
- + Adding bike bumps in Harry Farmer Park
- + Public art in Harry Farmer Park and/or the Corner Store area including fence murals and/or utility box wraps
- + Community bulletin boards in seating areas
- + Upgrading the Castle Downs entrance sign`

These projects:

- + Are led by and operated by the community group when completed
- + Are located within City spaces and defined by a license, lease or agreement
- + Require City approval and follow City process when alterations are made to a facility or space, as per the terms of their license, lease or agreement with the City

For more information visit [edmonton.ca/ConstructionGuide](https://edmonton.ca/ConstructionGuide)



## Neighbourhood Services message

[A Message from Your Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator.](#)

My name is Melanie Gizowski and I am the Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (NRC) assigned to the Baturyn neighbourhood. Part of my role is supporting residents and groups in community-led initiatives and projects. If you are interested in learning more please feel free to contact me.

I can be reached via email at [melanie.gizowski@edmonton.ca](mailto:melanie.gizowski@edmonton.ca).





## How are community-led projects paid for?

Community-led projects are fundraised by the community. The City of Edmonton has a number of grants to help contribute to community projects. Other organizations have grants available for community projects as well, such as the Government of Alberta and Edmonton Community Foundation. Other partnerships with businesses or associations can also fund community projects.

## How do we get started in Baturyn?

Residents interested in pursuing the development of any of the options listed above, or others, should connect with their Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator. To get started or to learn more about the community-led opportunities, call 311 to find your NRC. Together, we can set up a meeting with interested Baturyn residents to discuss potential ideas.



# Update on the Baturyn Playground Renewal

Playground construction has been on-going since late June and many milestones have been completed over the summer. Grading and base preparation, sub-drainage, walkways, playground equipment and rubber safety surfacing have all been completed.

Site furnishings and landscaping will be completed in September and October. Construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of October. The playground will be open once all inspections are completed.

Contact **311** for more information.





# Cost Sharing Opportunities for Baturyn

## What is a Local Improvement?

A Local Improvement is a construction project undertaken near or next to residents' properties which is considered more beneficial to the property owner and local area than to the City as a whole. Local Improvements are part of the Neighbourhood Renewal discussions with you and your neighbours.

## How is Neighbourhood Renewal paid for?

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program is paid for by a reserve fund that was built through a City-wide property tax dedicated to the program. However, two specific 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.

## Local Improvement Options during Neighbourhood Renewal

### 1. Sidewalks

Sidewalk replacement is a cost-shared improvement. This means property owners are responsible for 50% of the cost and the City pays the other 50%. Property owners therefore have the opportunity to decide if new sidewalks are installed or not, and may petition against this Local Improvement as per the Municipal Government Act. If the sidewalk Local Improvement process is successfully petitioned against, sidewalks will remain as is and will be maintained for safety by the City. Any future sidewalk replacement would need to be requested and funded 100% by the adjacent property owners.

New sidewalks installed where currently missing are 100% City funded.

Property owners will have the opportunity to decide if Local Improvements proceed or not. A notice will be sent out in the fall of 2022 for property owners to provide feedback.

### 2. Alley lighting

As part of the Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal project, any existing alley lighting will be upgraded to LED fixtures. Adding alley lighting where none currently exists is a property owner initiated Local Improvement, with 100% of the cost paid for by benefiting property owners along that alley. For more information, visit [edmonton.ca/alleylighting](https://edmonton.ca/alleylighting) or contact [localimprovement@edmonton.ca](mailto:localimprovement@edmonton.ca).





### 3. Decorative street lighting

New galvanized street lights are included in your Neighbourhood Renewal at no additional cost to property owners. However, some neighbourhoods choose to pay for a decorative street light upgrade and the cost of the upgrade is charged to the property owners as a Local Improvement.

The upgrade from standard to decorative street lights is a community initiated local improvement and carries an additional cost to property owners. To learn more about this opportunity visit [edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements](http://edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements).

#### Community volunteers lead the campaign to select a decorative option for street lights.

Please let us know if you or any of your neighbours are interested in leading the campaign to decide on decorative street light options in Baturyn. A decorative street light committee can be created to collect input on options.

The decorative option would need to be determined and submitted to the City by **May 16, 2022**.

Once an option is submitted, the City will provide an Expression of Interest package to all registered property owners. Property owners will then return their completed notice selecting whether they support or do not support the decorative street lights. If the City receives sufficient support from the community, the Local Improvement process will begin.

The City can provide support by sharing the options available for decorative street lights and help gather feedback at upcoming public engagement opportunities.

Please contact Sherry Wallace at [sherry.wallace@edmonton.ca](mailto:sherry.wallace@edmonton.ca) if you are interested to learn more.

### What are the options for street lighting?

Street light options include pole colour and type, arm style and style of light fixture.

#### Pole



Powder coated galvanized

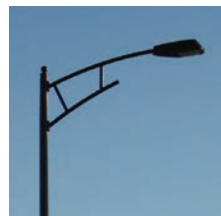


1. Octagonal



2. Fluted

#### Decorative arm



1. Newport

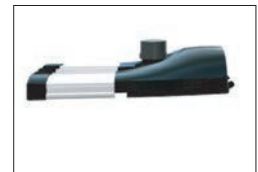


2. Scroll



3. Heritage

#### Light fixture

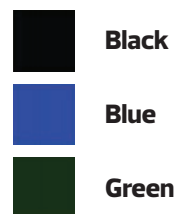


1. Regular



2. Renaissance

#### Colour





# Message from your Project Manager

September has arrived, which is a busy month for many. Thank you to those of you that have shared your ideas and feedback with us over the past year. We have reviewed and explored potential options and considered your input for changes and improvements in Baturyn. This fall, we are excited to share the proposed draft designs for Baturyn Neighbourhood Renewal.

You may have seen our team on the streets in Baturyn in our safety vests and masks, measuring, drilling holes and surveying the neighbourhood. This technical analysis is very important to help us refine the options you told us were important at the last public engagement events. We've made some small changes on some of the options, and had to make some bigger changes on others.

Behind the scenes, we have been discussing the draft design with our colleagues responsible for street lights, signals, school safety, parks

and roads maintenance and neighbourhood services. Coordinating the design with the work of the larger city is an important part of getting the design right. All these areas have design considerations to help us bring Baturyn up to a newer standard where possible.

As we continue to hold public engagement online for your neighbourhood, we want you to know that if you find using the internet uncomfortable or difficult, we have other ways for you to be involved in engagement. Our project team wants to hear from the whole community, even if we have to have an old-fashioned telephone conversation!

We look forward to sharing the draft design with you in November.

*Sherry Wallace*

Planning & Design Project Manager

## Stay Informed and Engaged

Please visit us online at [edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn](https://edmonton.ca/BuildingBaturyn) for information on engagement opportunities and to sign up for project updates.

To learn more about **Cost Sharing Opportunities** and **Local Improvements**, please visit [edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements](https://edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements) and [edmonton.ca/AlleyLighting](https://edmonton.ca/AlleyLighting).

