



What we heard report Grandview Heights neighbourhood renewal

Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event

Draft Concept Designs Event

September 2019

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Roadmap to Building Great Neighbourhoods

The Neighbourhood Renewal program follows the roadmap below. Most recently we explored options and tradeoffs to create a design for your neighbourhood.



LEGEND

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

Public engagement activity timeline

DECEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019

Community Walk, Vision and Guiding Principles Workshop and Online Survey

- + Develop and build solutions with us regarding a vision and guiding principles
- + Help us improve our understanding of what infrastructure exists in the neighbourhood

FEBRUARY 2019

Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event

- + Help us improve and finalize the vision and guiding principles
- + Adapt and adjust our approach to identify opportunities and challenges

MAY 2019

Draft Concept Designs Event

- + Help us refine the draft concept designs and confirm that they align with the vision and principles
- + Help us prioritize the potential improvements to the the neighbourhood

LATE 2019

Refined Designs Event

- + Share feedback and perspectives on the refined designs
- + Make a choice on the decorative street lights expression of interest

EARLY 2020

Pre-Construction Event

- + Share feedback and perspectives on construction considerations
- + Make a decision on the local improvement petitions for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street lights



Community Walk, Vision and Guiding Principles Workshop and Online Survey

What we did

A community walk and workshop was held on December 5, 2018 at the Grandview Heights Community Centre from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. A survey was also available online from December 6, 2018 to January 16, 2019, for those who could not attend the workshop or wanted to provide further input.

- + The community walk included a guided walk around Grandview Heights to develop a better understanding of the neighbourhood.
- + The workshop and survey focused on developing a vision and guiding principles for the neighbourhood and identifying opportunities for improvements.

What we asked

We asked participants to help us create a vision and guiding principles for the future of Grandview Heights and to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and constraints that exist in the neighbourhood.

What a great start! More than 165 participants shared their ideas on the vision, guiding principles and areas of opportunity for neighbourhood renewal in Grandview Heights

- + More than 55 participants joined us at our walk and workshop
- + More than 500 ideas were shared between the workshop and survey

A What We Heard Report for these activities was created in January 2019, which is available online at: edmonton.ca/BuildingGrandviewHeights

Participant input:

"Mature trees and distinctiveness of the community are important."

"Provide a neighbourhood that allows for aging in place – all ages, young families and seniors."

Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event

What we did

We held a public event on February 21, 2019 at the Grandview Heights Community Centre from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

The public event included display panels and table map activities focused on:

- + Confirming the vision and guiding principles
- + Determining activities/improvements for the areas of opportunity

The areas of opportunity shared were categorized into the following themes:

- + Parks and open space
- + Connectivity and corridors
- + Moving around your neighbourhood
- + Placemaking

Thanks for coming out! More than 65 participants shared their ideas on the vision confirmation and community options for neighbourhood renewal in Grandview Heights.

- + More than 200 ideas were shared
- + Event participants were given dots to select the guiding principles they related to the most. More than 120 dots were used to help refine the guiding principles

Participant input:

"It is a quiet hidden spot and that is the beauty of it."

"Lots of kids ride their bikes for fun in the neighbourhood."

"We need more destinations, but love the seclusion."

"Park spaces aren't welcoming, would like a place to sit and enjoy."

Vision and guiding principles

What we asked

We asked participants to help us improve and finalize the vision and guiding principles.

What we heard

We heard that participants supported the draft vision statement. We heard support for all of the guiding principles, but that some were more important than others.

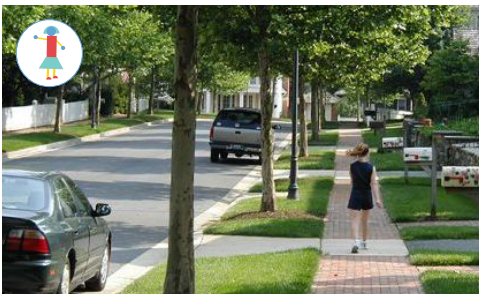
How we used the feedback

The vision statement was confirmed and remained the same. The guiding principles were narrowed down to 6.

Final vision

Grandview Heights is a family-friendly neighbourhood that is welcoming to all. It has a strong community character where neighbours know each other and enjoy the area's connection with nature. Grandview Heights is a safe place where it's easy to move around and enjoy destinations in and around the neighbourhood.

Final guiding principles



Walkable neighbourhood that is safe and makes it easy for people to move around



Enhancing green spaces and preserving trees



Maintaining the quietness and peacefulness of the neighbourhood



Highlighting and maintaining the distinctive and unique look of the community



Giving people alternative options to get around other than driving (walking, biking)



Making the neighbourhood accessible for all ages and abilities

Areas of opportunity

What we asked

We asked participants to share feedback on how they want to use the identified areas, and what improvements they would like to see in these spaces.

What we heard

We heard a lot about the improvements and considerations that participants would like us to think about for the opportunity areas, and have summarized these responses below. We have also included how feedback informed the draft concept designs.

Connectivity and corridors

Areas of opportunity	Suggestions for improvements	How we used your feedback
School drop-off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Traffic calming measures along 63 Avenue to decrease speeding, and improve safety for people who are crossing the street+ Improvements to make it safer for people to bike along 63 Avenue+ Flashing lights at 63 Avenue and 127 Street, and other improvements to make the crossing shorter and improve safety+ Improvements to address speeding along 125 Street+ One-way traffic along 127 Street to improve traffic flow and make the road safer during pick-up and drop-off+ Need to consider that it is only busy near the school during pick-up and drop-off+ Need to consider that people park too close to the intersections near the school which can block sight lines of the crossing	<p>Draft concept designs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Crossing improvements and traffic calming measures (ie. curb extensions, raised crosswalks) near the school+ Improvements to the connection along 63 Avenue including a shared use path+ Different options for landscaping as well as parking and drop-off spaces along 63 Avenue+ Improvements to 127 Street traffic flow and school drop-off/pick-up operation. This included two-way operation
Other areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Pathways and better lighting to improve accessibility to the river valley trails and ravine, including a path around the outer edge of the neighbourhood+ Waste receptacles on the south side of 62 Avenue near 128 Street as many people walk their dogs along this corridor+ Wheelchair accessible pathways near CapitalCare and within the school park area, to improve the connectivity for those with limited mobility+ Wider sidewalks and traffic calming measures along 62 Avenue (ie. intersection improvements at 127 Street), to decrease speeding and make it safer and easier for people to walk and bike+ Need to consider leaving the outer edge of the neighbourhood in its current grassy state, as people like to walk their dog and cross country ski in this area+ Need to consider that many people park on the local and collector streets in the east portion of the neighbourhood and leave their cars to walk to the LRT	<p>Draft concept designs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ A shared use path around the outer edge of the neighbourhood and along 125 Street and 63 Avenue+ A pathway connection between CapitalCare and Grandview Park+ Traffic calming measures (ie. curb extensions, squared intersections) throughout the neighbourhood including along 62 Avenue+ Lighting, waste receptacles and wayfinding signage within park areas along pathway connections

Parks and open space

Areas of opportunity	Suggestions for improvements	How we used your feedback
Parks and open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Better lighting, waste receptacles, seating areas and new trees, to create resting areas and to encourage more people to walk throughout the neighbourhood and stay active+ New landscaping and trees within the green space at the bus loop near 63 Avenue and 129 Street+ The pocket parks should be kept natural and do not need additional lighting. These parks would benefit from better maintenance of the existing trees, as many are overgrown+ Better lighting at the pocket park near 65 Avenue and 126 Street, and general improvements to make the pocket parks more welcoming for people to use+ Wayfinding signage (ie. historic information, distances to key destinations)	<p>Draft concept designs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Improvements to the park areas such as waste receptacles, seating areas, landscaping and new sidewalks and paths. Lighting was not proposed for the pocket parks+ Landscaping and a seating area within the green space at the bus loop+ Wayfinding signage in park spaces and along corridors to help people connect to destinations within and surrounding the neighbourhood
Grandview park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Improvements to the connections between Grandview Park and the school park+ Improvements to the entrance of the park from 124 Street including additional lighting to make the space more inviting	<p>Draft concept designs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Crossing improvements along 124 Street, a new path down the alley and an improved entrance to the park with lighting, waste receptacles, seating areas, and additional landscaping

Moving around your neighbourhood

Areas of opportunity	Suggestions for improvements	How we used your feedback
Intersections and roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Traffic calming measures along 62 and 63 Avenue (ie. raised crosswalks, curb extensions) to decrease speeding and make it safer and easier for people to walk and bike+ Improvements to intersections to reduce the width so it is less distance for people to cross+ Need to consider that some people like that the roads are wide as they believe that all modes of transportation can share the wide road	<p>Draft concept designs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Traffic calming measures along 63 Avenue including raised crosswalks and curb extensions, as well as options for a squared intersection and roundabout at 125 Street+ Intersection improvements along 62 Avenue including squared intersections at 127 Street, 128 Street, and 129 Street, as well as an option for a roundabout at 127 Street+ Curb extensions along 124 Street, 125 Street and Grand View Drive, as well as a wider sidewalk along 124 Street

Placemaking

Areas of opportunity	Suggestions for improvements	How we used your feedback
Entrances to the neighbourhood and bus loop island	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Landscaping and plantings, and a seating area at the bus loop island to beautify the space with natural elements and make it more inviting+ Landscaping and plantings near the entrance of the neighbourhood to highlight the beauty of the neighbourhood+ Landscaping, plantings and a gathering space (patio, canopy, etc.) in the commercial area along 63 Avenue+ More places for people to gather throughout the neighbourhood and urban design elements that reflect the mid-century heritage of the neighbourhood+ Need to consider that the neighbourhood may not need an entrance feature, as people like that the neighbourhood is discreet and secluded	<p>Draft concept designs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Landscaping, plantings and a seating area at the bus loop island+ Landscaping and plantings near the entrance of the neighbourhood+ Entrance signage+ Improvements to the commercial area will be shared with appropriate areas for consideration

Draft Concept Designs Event

What we did

We held a public event on May 16, 2019 at Grandview Heights Community Centre from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

- + The event included interactive panels that shared the draft neighbourhood concept design including the individual draft concept designs within the neighbourhood. We collected feedback on the draft concept designs including how they reflect the final vision and guiding principles and the benefits and tradeoffs of each concept.

What we asked

- + Do the draft concept designs reflect the vision and guiding principles?
- + Do you like or dislike the draft concept designs and why?
- + Is anything missing?
- + Which five draft concept designs are the most important to you?

Thanks for your feedback! More than 120 participants shared their input on the draft concept designs for neighbourhood renewal in Grandview Heights.

- + More than 300 ideas were shared
- + More than 360 dots were used to tell us which draft concept designs were most important to participants

Participant input:

"Like the combination of plantings and open space for kids to play, as well as the benches."

"Love the idea of the Grandview Loop all around the neighbourhood."

"My kids would use the loop, and I like that it minimizes the street crossings."

Draft neighbourhood concept design



1 GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS ENTRANCE



2 SCHOOL AREA



3 126 STREET - 66 AVENUE POCKET PARK



4 129 STREET - 65 AVENUE POCKET PARK



5 124 STREET POCKET PARK



6 129 STREET AND 63 AVENUE PARK (EXISTING BUS LOOP)



7 GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS PARK AREA



8 GRAND VIEW DRIVE RAVINE CONNECTION



9 THE GRANDVIEW LOOP



To view the concepts please visit: www.edmonton.ca/BuildingGrandviewHeights

What we heard

Draft concept designs

We received a lot of feedback on what participants liked and disliked about the concepts and why (which often included how they related to the guiding principles), as well as what was missing. We have summarized what we heard below.

Location	Why do you like or dislike it?	What is missing?	You also asked us to consider
Grandview Heights Entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the boulevard with trees to beautify the entrance to the neighbourhood with natural elements + Like the narrow street to decrease speeding and improve safety for people who walk and bike, dislike that this may cause a bottleneck + Dislike the entrance signage and believe that it is unnecessary as people like that the neighbourhood is quiet, discreet and not too flashy + Like the entrance signage as it would be helpful for people that do not live in Grandview Heights to identify the neighbourhood + Like the idea of closing an access to the commercial area to reduce the amount of disruptions to the shared use path along 62 Avenue and improve connectivity along this pathway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Improvements to the entrance of the neighbourhood at 122 Street and 62 Avenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The need to maintain the shared use path, especially in winter + New trees could impact sight lines and make it more difficult to see people crossing the street + Adding a stop sign in the commercial area when turning out onto 63 Avenue, as people do not stop + Repositioning the north to south crosswalk at 124 Street and 63 Avenue to the west side of the intersection to make it safer for kids to cross this street when going to school
School Area – Idea #1 and Idea #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the raised crosswalks to decrease speeding and make it easier and safer for people to cross the street + Like that the improvements make the area more walkable and safe + Concern about the removal of parking for Idea #1 + Like and dislike the shared use path. Some people like that the path will improve connectivity, while some mentioned that a shared use path would be unnecessary, as it is already safe to walk and bike along 63 Ave + Like that Idea #2 allows for more parking along 63 Avenue to make it easier for people to drop their kids off at school and attend community gatherings and school events + Like the additional street trees to beautify the school area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + One-way street on 127 Street + Designated pick up/drop off area near the school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A raised crosswalk at 124 Street instead of 125 Street + Restricting parking on the north side of 63 Avenue, instead of the south + New trees could impact sight lines and make it more difficult to see people crossing the street, and cause safety/security issues

Location	Why do you like or dislike it?	What is missing?	You also asked us to consider
126 Street and 66 Avenue Pocket Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the idea of creating a space where people can gather + Like the addition of the pathway and seating to make the space more inviting and accessible + Dislike that the pathway does not seem to go anywhere in particular, and that it will reduce the amount of green space in the park + Like the nearby curb extensions to make it easier and safer for people to get to the park space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + More lighting + Fruit trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Leaving the park the way it is
129 Street and 65 Avenue Pocket Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the idea of creating a space for people to sit and gather and for kids to play + Like that there is no lighting proposed as this may impact the wildlife + Like the new landscaping and benches, to beautify the park and make the space more inviting and accessible + Dislike the sidewalk as it will reduce the amount of green space in the park and is unnecessary 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The need to maintain the sidewalk and waste receptacles + Positioning the benches away from the street + The removal of old trees that are near the end of their lives and maintenance and pruning of existing landscaping + Impacts to existing wildlife
124 Street Pocket Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the new benches for people to sit and gather and the design of all of the pocket parks + Like that there is enough open space for kids to play + Like the curb ramps to make the space more inviting and accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Butterfly garden and plantings that are bee-friendly + Gazebo, so that neighbours have a place to gather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Impacts to existing wildlife

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129 Street and 63 Avenue (Existing Bus Loop)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the raised crosswalk and curb extensions along 63 Avenue to decrease speeding and make it safer for people to walk, especially near the crest of the hill + Like that there is no lighting proposed as this may impact the wildlife + Like that the improvements including the new landscaping and benches will beautify the space and make it more accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Bird bath or some type of water feature + Fruit trees + Boulevard trees along 63 Avenue, to improve the look of the street and help with drainage + A four-way stop at 129 Street and 63 Avenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + That seating may not be well used in this area + Positioning the benches away from the street + The need to consider that there may be an opportunity for the bus stop to return to this space + Impacts to existing wildlife
Grandview Heights Park Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the benches, pathway connections and landscaping to make the space more inviting and accessible + Concern that trees could cause safety/security issues + Dislike the pathway connection to 122 Street as it may not feel safe to use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + More lighting + Bird bath or some type of water feature + Fruit trees + Community garden + New trees along the 122 Street connection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The need to make the interior of the park more usable in the winter and when it is dark
Grand View Drive Ravine Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the pathway as it would make the area more accessible for all (ie. people with strollers, kids who bike, etc.) + Dislike the pathway as it would be better to leave this space in its natural state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Raised crosswalk across Grand View Drive to make it easier for people to access the pathway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Impacts to existing wildlife

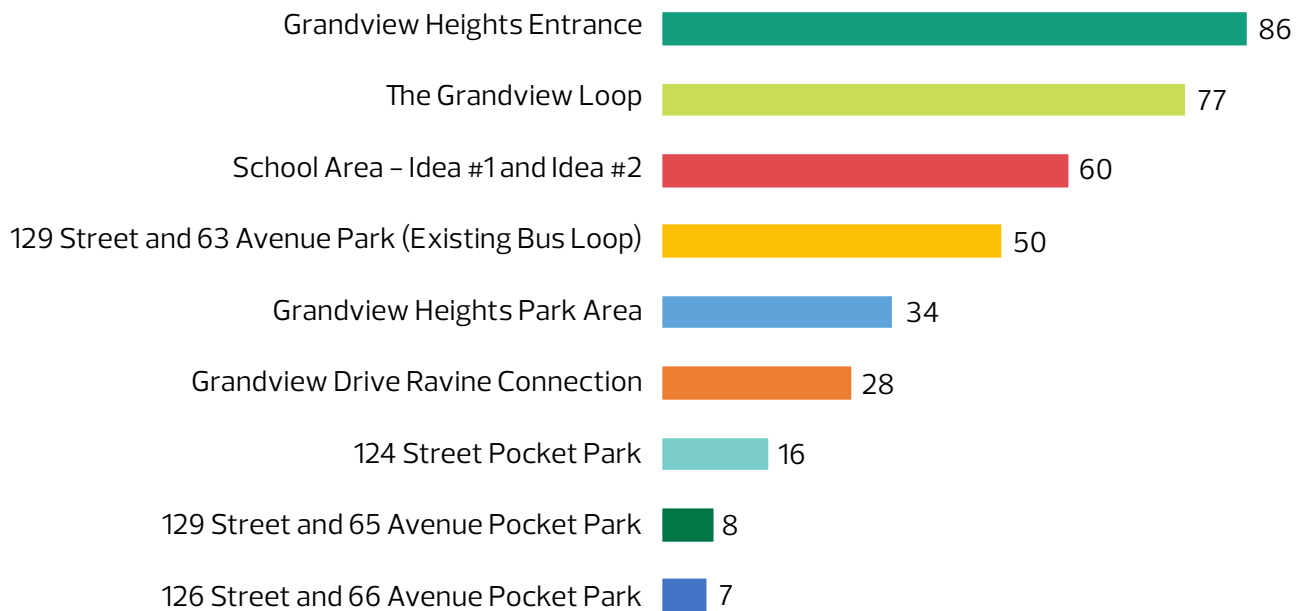
Location	Why do you like or dislike it?	What is missing?	You also asked us to consider
The Grandview Loop (South)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the pathway to improve connectivity throughout the neighbourhood and make it safer and easier for people of all abilities to get around and stay active (including kids, seniors and people walking their dogs) + Dislike the pathway as it may disrupt the peacefulness and quietness of the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Additional trees and landscaping + Curving the path to make it seem more interesting + Additional traffic calming on 62 Avenue (speed bumps) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Maintenance for new improvements including snow clearance for the path in winter + Providing space between the shared use path and the street to make it safer for people who walk and bike + Different types of pathways that are more natural, such as a bark chip path
The Grandview Loop (West and North)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the pathway to improve connectivity throughout the neighbourhood and make it safer and easier to get around + Dislike the pathway as it may make the space too inviting to people from outside the neighbourhood, affecting the peacefulness and quietness of the community + Dislike the pathway as it would require vegetation to be removed 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Maintenance for new improvements including snow clearance for the pathway in winter + Providing space between the shared use path and the street to make it safer for people to walk and bike + A softer surface for the pathway
The Grandview Loop (124 Street and 125 Street Connection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like the raised crosswalk to make it safer and easier to cross 63 Avenue + Like that the loop will make it safer for kids to get around the neighbourhood 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The need for a shared use path on 125 Street and snow clearance for the shared use path in winter + Trees to beautify the loop and make it more inviting to walk

Location	Why do you like or dislike It?	What is missing?	You also asked us to consider
T-intersection Improvements (62 Avenue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like that the improvements will decrease speeding and make it safer and easier to cross the street + Like the roundabout option at 127 Street and 62 Avenue to decrease speeding + Like the squared intersection option at 127 Street and 62 Avenue to decrease speeding and narrow the width of the road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Raised crosswalk at 129 Street and 62 Avenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Landscaping that will not block sight lines but will make the roundabouts look nice + The need for large trucks and trailers to use the streets with proposed roundabouts + When compared to square intersections, roundabouts may have a longer crossing distance for people who walk
T-intersection Improvements (Other Locations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Like that the improvements will decrease speeding and make it safer and easier to cross the street + Like the roundabout option at 125 Street and 63 Avenue to decrease speeding + Like the squared intersection option at 125 Street and 63 Avenue to decrease speeding and narrow the width of the road + Like the squared intersection at 128 Street and 66 Avenue to decrease speeding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Traffic calming improvements at 132 Street and 63 Avenue and along 125 Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Landscaping that will not block sight lines but will make the roundabouts look nice + The need for large trucks and trailers to use the streets with proposed roundabouts + When compared to square intersections, roundabouts may have a longer crossing distance for people who walk

What we heard

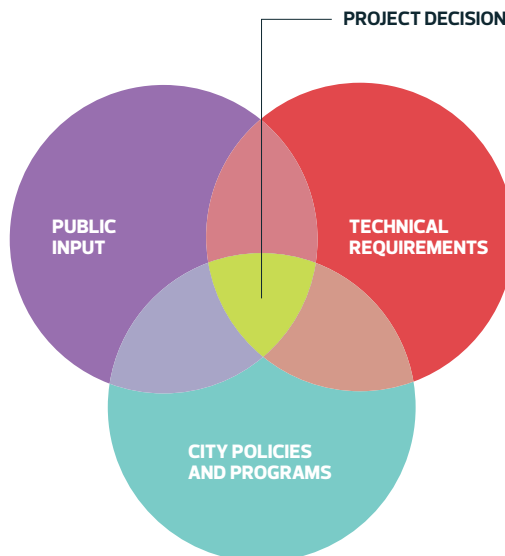
Prioritization exercise

Some of the draft concept designs will be selected to be further developed and ultimately built. Event participants were given five dot stickers to place on the most important draft concept designs for them to help determine which ones are selected. Below are the results (number of dots used):



How we will use the feedback

We will use the feedback as one of the considerations when refining the draft concept designs, in addition to City policies and programs, technical requirements, and funding.



Next steps

Expression of interest for decorative street lights – Fall 2019

- + Submit your expression of interest form for decorative street lights

Refined Designs Public Event – Fall 2019

- + Share your feedback on the refined designs

Pre-Construction Public Event – Early 2020

- + Learn more about the neighbourhood renewal construction process

Local improvement petition period – Early 2020

- + Make a decision on sidewalk reconstruction and decorative streetlights





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, and 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.

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