



What We Heard

Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal

Building a Project Vision &
Exploring Opportunities
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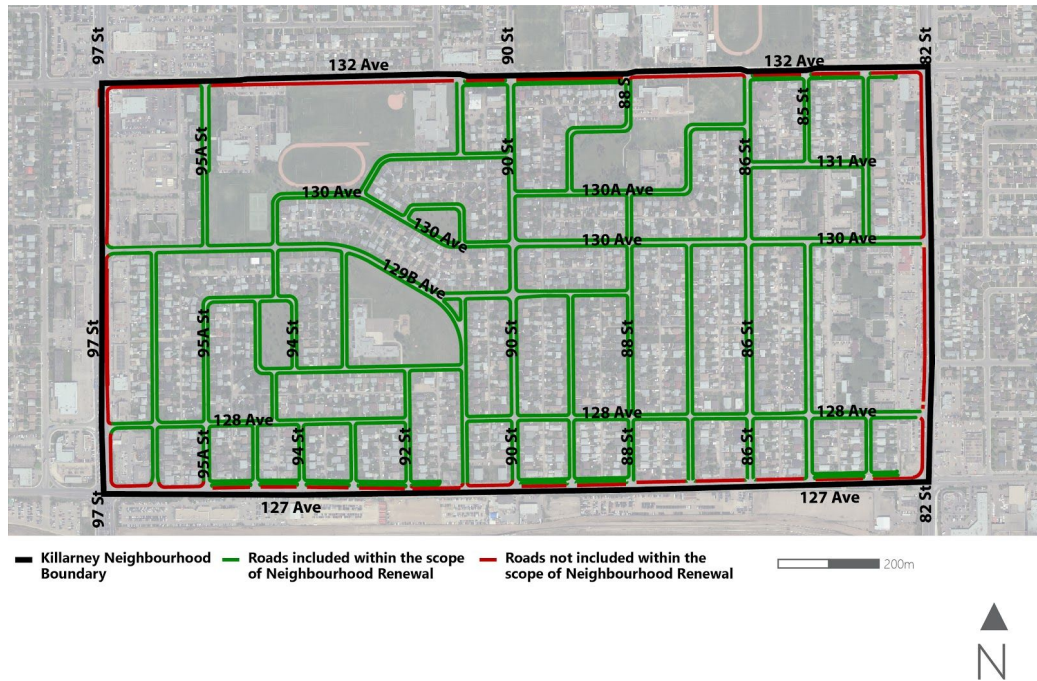
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Project overview

Killarney has been chosen for neighbourhood renewal beginning in spring 2022 with anticipated completion in 2023. Through the City of Edmonton’s Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces branch, the Neighbourhood Renewal program will rehabilitate roads, replace streetlights, curb and gutters, repair sidewalks and connect missing sidewalk links where possible in Killarney. Cost-sharing opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative streetlight upgrades in the neighbourhood. Other opportunities to improve parks and City-owned green spaces will also be explored.

*Killarney
Neighbourhood Map*



Public Engagement Roadmap

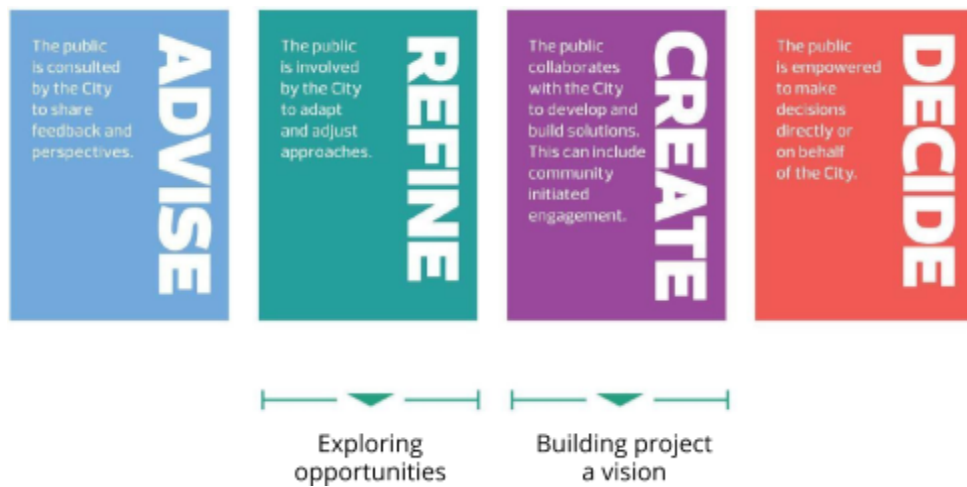
The Neighbourhood Renewal public engagement follows the roadmap below. It has been designed to help you understand the stages of engagement of the renewal process and how you can participate. At each step, we will tell you what the purpose is and how your input will inform the decisions being made. From September to October 2019, we were **Building a Project Vision Together** and **Exploring Opportunities**. In Spring 2020, we will be **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs**.



Public Engagement spectrum

The Public Engagement spectrum is a tool that explains the four roles the public can play when they participate in City of Edmonton Public Engagement activities. As we move forward in the spectrum, there is an increasing level of public influence and commitment from the City and the public.

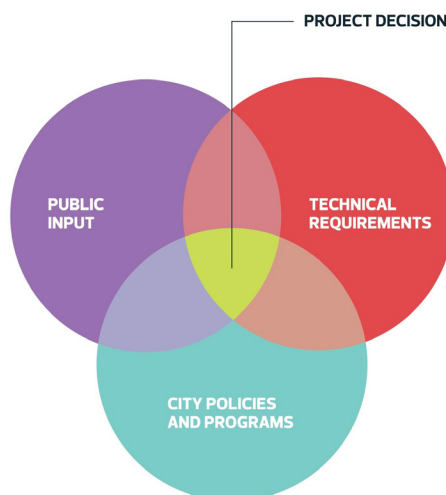
The subjects we have engaged in are shown on the spectrum below, reflecting the level of public influence at each stage.



Decision-making process

It is important to note that while public engagement is a critical aspect in the decision-making process, there are several inputs that will also be considered along with public input in determining what is ultimately built with neighbourhood renewal. Some of these factors include City policy and programs, technical requirements, and available funding.

Input from the public is one aspect considered to make decisions



What we asked and how we asked

The Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal project team organized the following opportunities for the public to help create a draft vision and guiding principles for the project and help refine the project team's understanding of the improvements and opportunities for the neighbourhood.



Over 150 participants

Community events and pop-ups

- + The Killarney Kick-off Party was held on **September 22, 2019** at the Killarney Community League and Park. The event introduced the project to the community and gathered initial feedback from residents.
- + Two pop-up events were offered to students at Queen Elizabeth High School on **October 1, 2019** and Killarney Junior High School on **October 2, 2019** to share how they experience living, moving and playing in Killarney.
- + In addition to the school pop-up events, the Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal Project Team joined the Killarney Community Garage Sale on **October 5, 2019** to gather feedback and thoughts on how residents experience their neighbourhood.



Over 25 participants

Community Walk and Workshop

- + The Community Walk and Workshop took place on **October 3, 2019** at the Killarney Community League Hall.
- + Participants walked along one of three routes stopping at key locations to share their input about issues and opportunities for Neighbourhood Renewal. Attendees also participated in a series of small group brainstorming exercises to further explore issues and opportunities for walking, biking, driving and using parks and City-owned open spaces.



Over 30 responses

Online survey

- + An online survey was available for the public to complete from **September 22 to October 11, 2019**. The survey asked participants to share the ways they experience living, working, playing and moving around the Killarney neighbourhood.

Over 200 participants!

What we heard

The following sections include a summary of what we heard at the kick-off, pop-up events, community walk and workshop and through the online survey. The summary has been developed to reflect the relevancy, frequency, and diversity of the responses we received based on the questions that were asked to residents.

What are your favourite things about Killarney today?

- + Enjoyable green space and parks with mature trees
- + Access to schools, stores and nearby amenities
- + Quiet neighbourhood with friendly residents
- + A family-oriented neighbourhood with a sense of community

What are some of the challenges you face living in and moving around your neighbourhood?

- + Traffic congestion near the schools
- + Accessibility challenges with regards to sidewalks
- + Back alleys are poorly maintained
- + Drainage issues which create hazards in the winter
- + Poor and unsafe opportunities for people who bike
- + Lack of parking specifically around the schools during drop-off and pick-up times
- + Lack of lighting along sidewalks and pathways

Thinking about a renewed Killarney, what would you like to see changed?

Upgrades will be required to support the community for the next 30 to 40 years.

- + Improve neighbourhood amenities, particularly in parks and open spaces, such as benches, improved lighting, pathways, additional trees and waste receptacles
- + Enhance safety for pedestrians by including traffic calming measures
- + Create better connections for people who walk and people who bike to destinations within and surrounding the community
- + Consider more recreational opportunities and usable park spaces for all ages
- + Improved lighting in parks and along walking paths

Exploring opportunities

Residents shared feedback on areas of City-owned land. Various issues and opportunities were identified for the neighbourhood renewal project. We plan to use this feedback to help inform the draft options for the neighbourhood. The following key themes were identified by residents under the following four categories:



Driving

- + People driving too quickly within the community
- + Traffic congestion, parking issues and conflicts between people who walk and people who drive, particularly around the schools and places of worship
- + Poor sightlines and lighting
- + Lack of crosswalks, yield signs, stop signs and adherence to roadway signage



Biking

- + Separated spaces from traffic, such as shared-use paths, to accommodate people who bike
- + Safety issues for families who bike
- + Better connections and infrastructure for people who bike
- + Current conditions being sufficient and no additional infrastructure is needed for people who bike



Walking and public transit

- + Poor walking conditions: cracks, missing sidewalks, poor maintenance, narrow sidewalks and lack of curb extensions
- + Lack of lighting and poor sightlines, which create safety concerns for pedestrians
- + Improved bus stops and crossing lights
- + Improve leisure walks and pedestrian amenities



Parks and open spaces

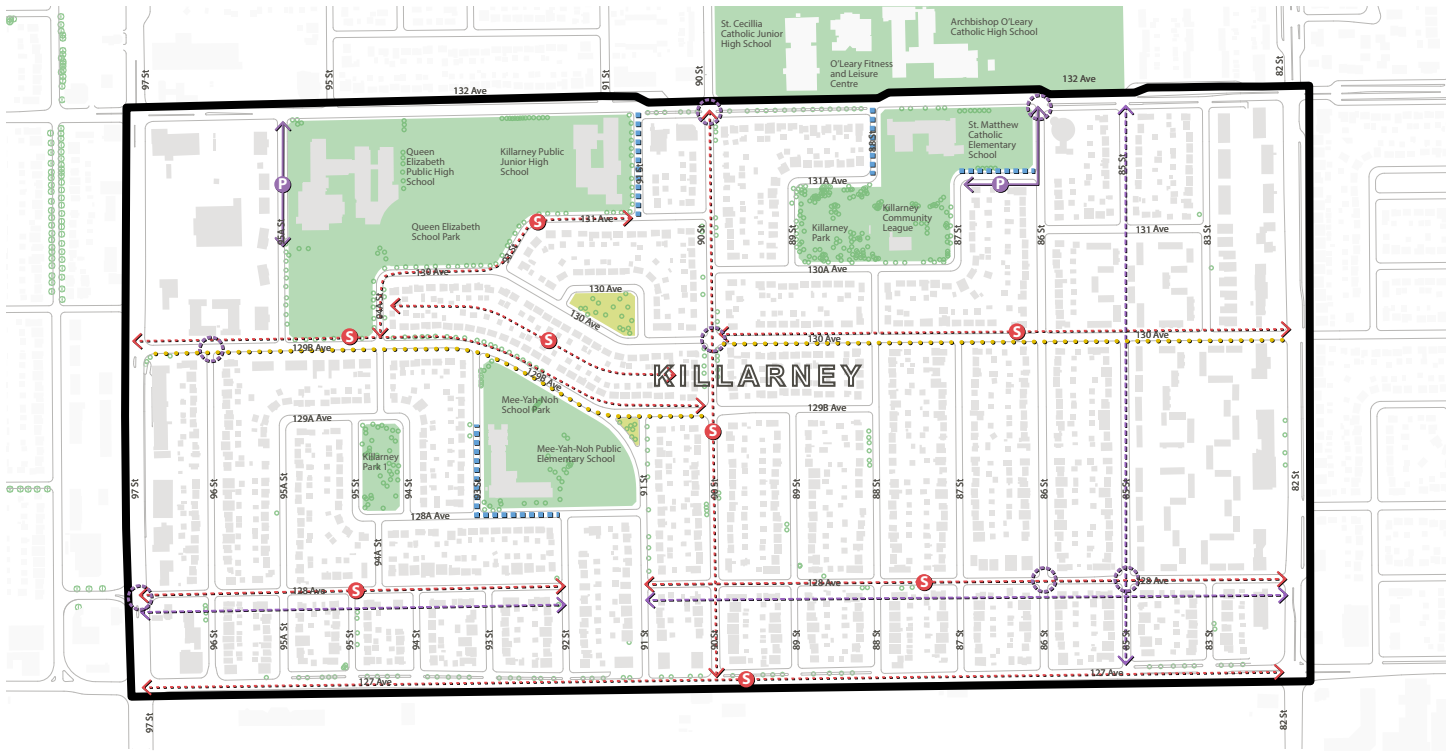
- + Improved park facilities and amenities: benches, lights, firepits, shelters, picnic tables and additional waste receptacles
- + Increased recreational amenities and activities such as play structures and age-friendly design
- + Increased landscaping features (i.e. more trees, flowers, etc.)

- + Concerns around crime, safety and maintenance

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Constraints Maps

During the community walk and workshop, residents indicated strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and constraints on a series of maps organized into four themes, driving, biking, walking and public transit, and parks and open spaces. The following set of maps are a summary of what we heard:

Driving

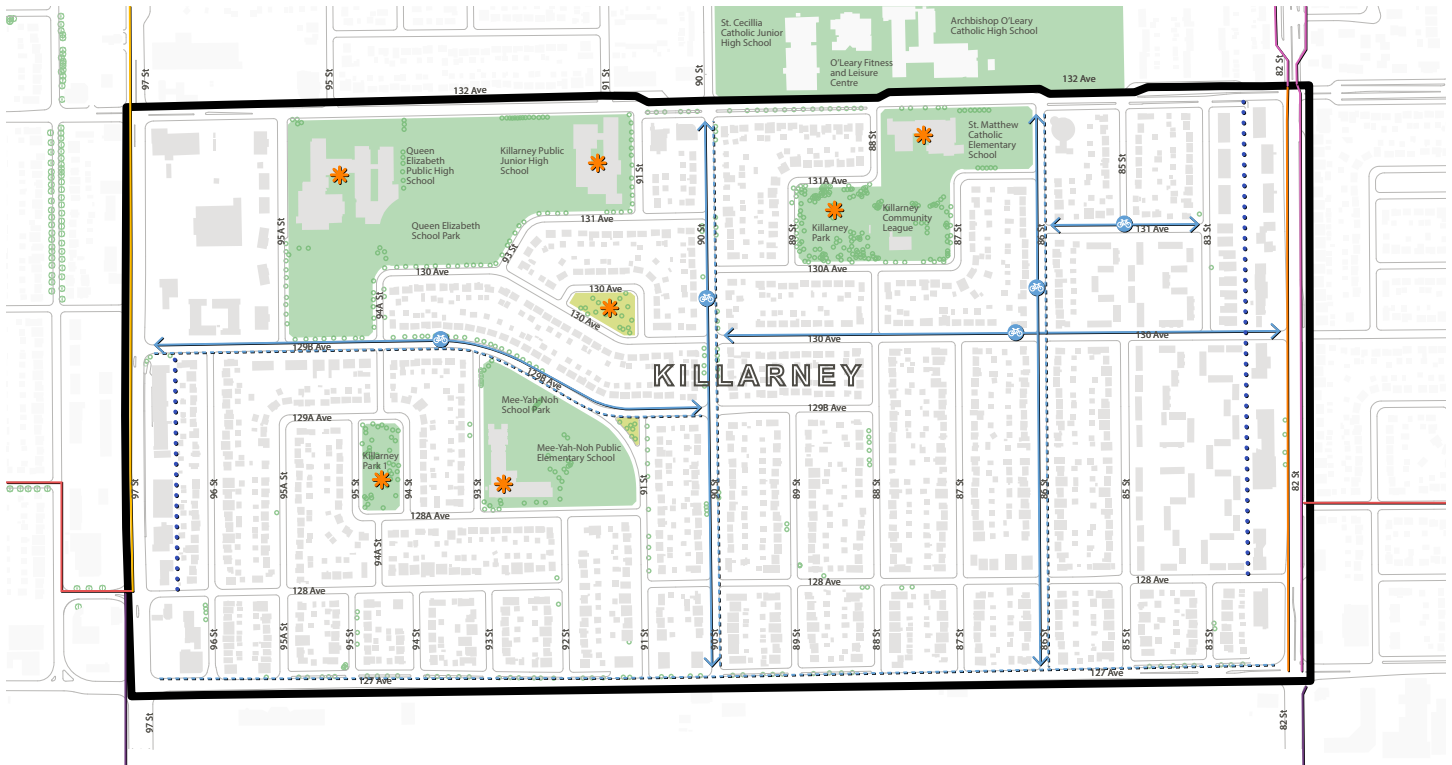


Feedback on Driving

- Areas Identified Where Parking Congestion is Frequent
- Streets Identified Where Speeding is Frequent
- Intersection Where Improvements are Needed
- Streets Where Traffic Calming May Be Beneficial
- School Drop-off Areas Identified Where Traffic is a Concern
- Streets Identified Where Shortcutting is Frequent



Biking

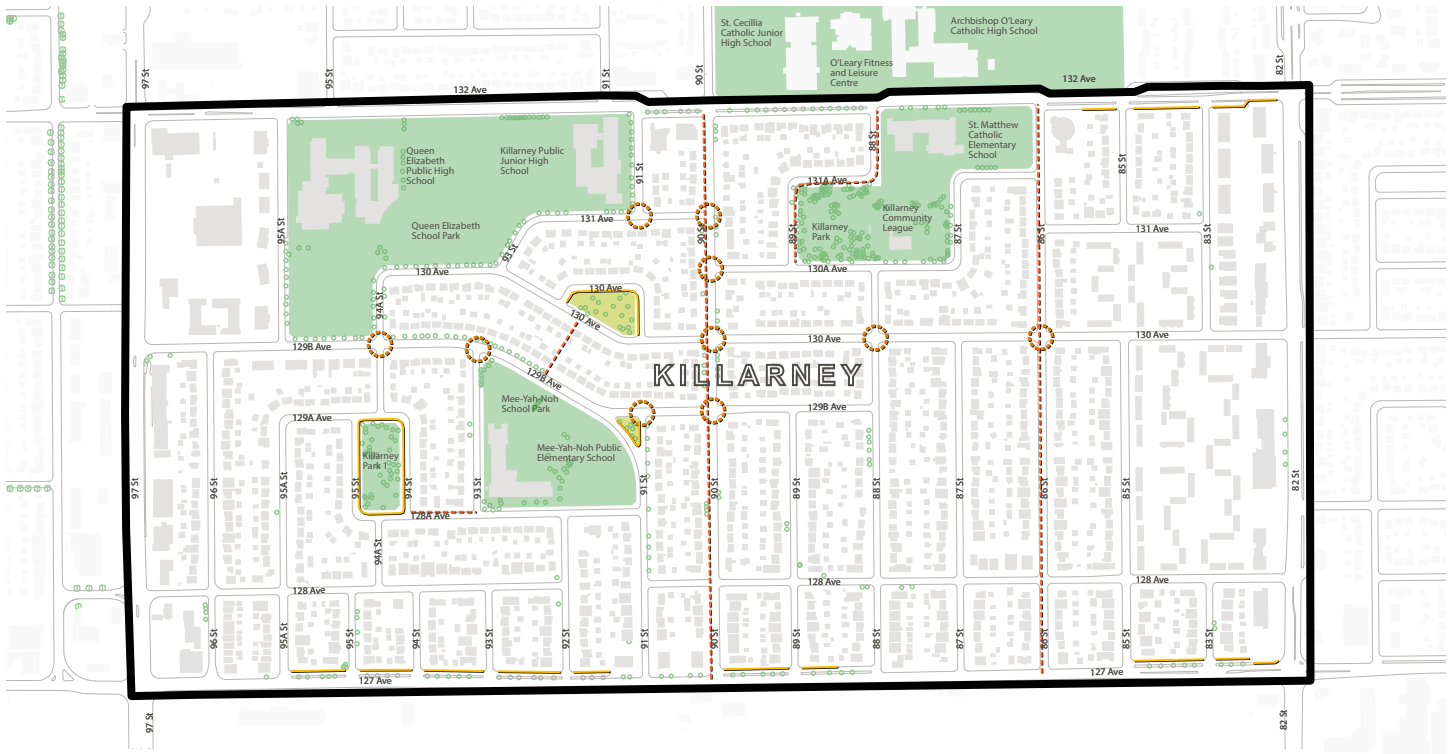


Feedback on Biking




- Streets Identified as Key Biking Corridors
- Key Streets Where Bike Connections May Be Improved
- Alleys Currently Used by People who Bike
- Key Destinations Where Biking Connections May Be Improved



Walking and public transit

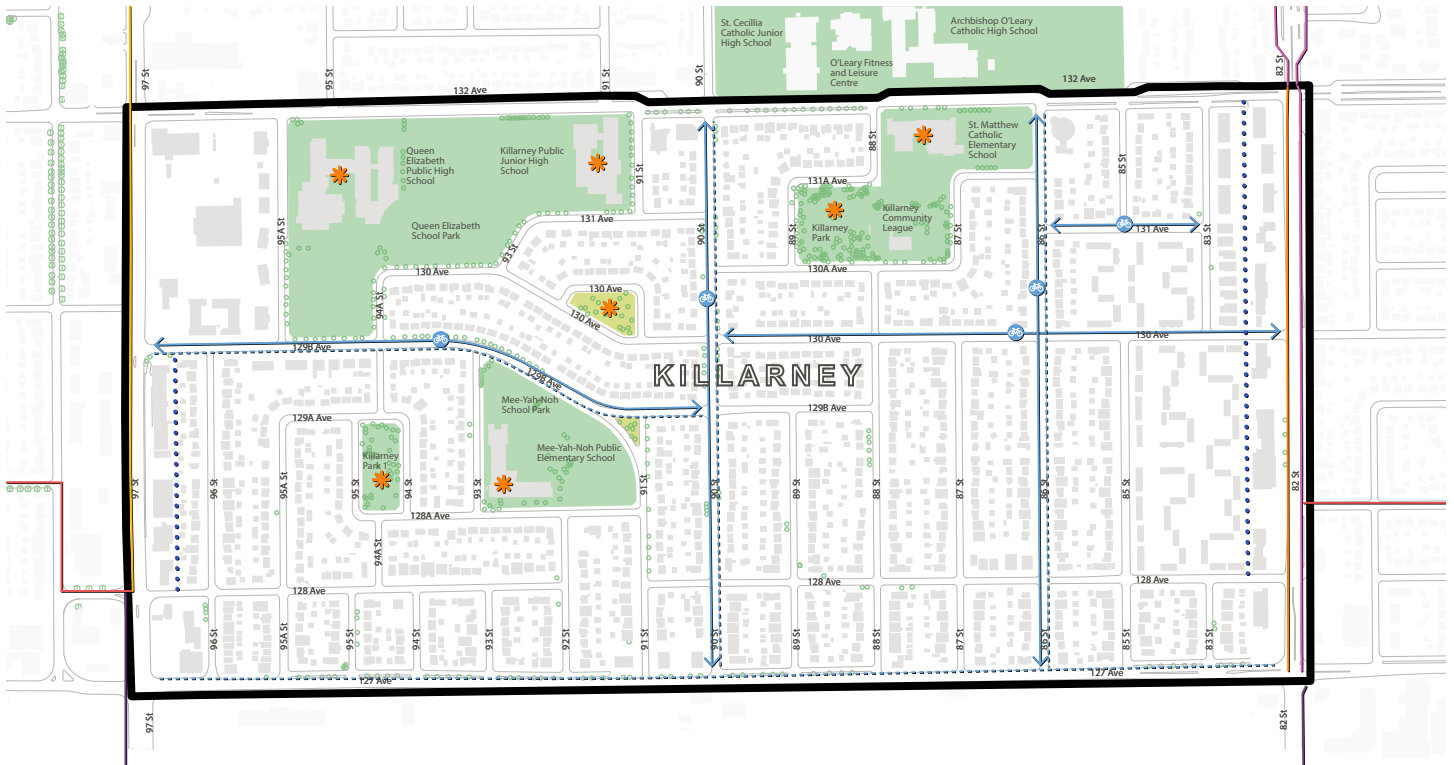


Feedback on Walking

-  Intersections Identified for Pedestrian Safety Improvements
-  Key Connections Identified for Improved Walking Conditions
-  Potential New Sidewalks



Parks and open spaces



Feedback on Biking

- Streets Identified as Key Biking Corridors
- Key Streets Where Bike Connections May Be Improved
- Alleys Currently Used by People who Bike
- Key Destinations Where Biking Connections May Be Improved



Building a project vision

Input was collected from all of the engagement activity participants to help **CREATE** a draft vision and guiding principles for Killarney.

A vision is a short description that sets the direction for the community's future liveability. Guiding Principles are ideas which inform how the vision is applied to the neighbourhood design.

Draft vision statement

"Killarney is a welcoming and friendly neighbourhood defined by diverse opportunities for people to live, work, play, and learn."

Killarney is defined by its pleasant atmosphere, neighbourliness, and access to a broad range of amenities. The neighbourhood is family-friendly and residents are well connected to parks, schools, and commercial services."

Guiding principles

Guiding principles of the Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal Project:



- + Create opportunities for residents to gather with friends, family and each other to build a sense of community and maintain the friendliness of the neighbourhood.



- + Ensure parks and open spaces are welcoming, safe and provide a range of opportunities for all ages.



- + Improve the safety of roadways for all users including people who walk, bike and drive.



- + Generate viable options for all residents to walk, bike and drive.



- + Establish safe connections to destinations and amenities within and outside of the neighbourhood.



- + Promote opportunities for year-round activities.

Next steps

The project team is reviewing all the feedback provided during the **EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES** phase. This feedback will be considered, along with City policies and programs, and technical requirements to create draft design options for the next stage of the Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal process, **EXPLORING OPTIONS AND TRADE-OFFS**.

In this stage, we will ask you to get more specific in identifying your preferences as they relate to design choices and specific areas within the neighbourhood. The draft design options will be presented for input at a public engagement session planned for spring 2020.

For more information regarding the Killarney Neighbourhood Renewal, upcoming public engagement events and to subscribe for project updates, please visit edmonton.ca/BuildingKillarney.

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.