

# COMMUNITY CAPITAL INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

## NEIGHBOURHOOD REVITALIZATION BALWIN & BELVEDERE

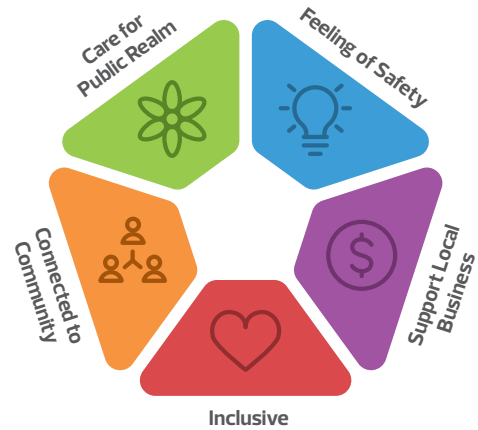
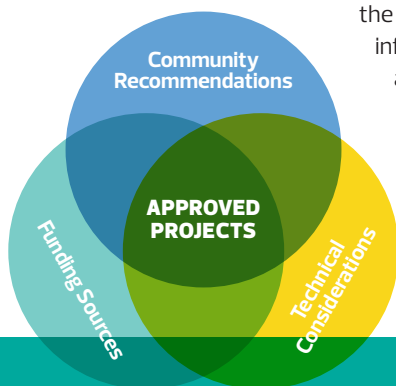
Report Summary | May 2021

The Capital Investment Priorities report sets out recommendations for the prioritization of Neighbourhood Revitalization funding for capital projects in the Edmonton neighbourhoods of Balwin and Belvedere. The work was initiated in December 2020 as a collaboration between residents of Balwin and Belvedere, City of Edmonton Neighbourhood Revitalization, local stakeholders, and facilitators.

This work stems from the Balwin and Belvedere Revitalization Strategy which was published by the City of Edmonton in 2019. Additional inputs included 'What We Heard' reports from recent engagements through both Revitalization, other City of Edmonton projects, and records of community ideation over 2020. The Community Capital Investment Project Team developed a set of criteria to prioritize the potential projects. The projects on the reverse side of this page have been identified as priority capital investments in Balwin and Belvedere by the Community Capital Investment Project Team.

**What's Next?** The recommended projects will be circulated to various departments with the City of Edmonton for technical and funding review.

The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public engagement 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 our city.



### PROJECT CRITERIA

<b>Social</b>	Brings diverse people together to stay and socialize
<b>Eating</b>	Provides spaces to share food with family and neighbours
<b>Events</b>	Invites people to use it / host events
<b>Play</b>	Encourages play
<b>Welcome</b>	Shows evidence of community presence and a welcome signal
<b>Beauty</b>	Beautifies and brightens public space and amenities
<b>Nature</b>	Brings natural life to public spaces
<b>Info</b>	Provides information about the communities
<b>Lighting</b>	Provides well-lit public spaces
<b>Access</b>	Improves access for pedestrians
<b>Speed</b>	Slows down traffic
<b>Visibility</b>	Supports high visibility in public spaces
<b>Attraction</b>	Attracts people to businesses and services
<b>Pedestrians</b>	Improves experience for pedestrian shoppers
<b>Public</b>	Makes local commerce visible in public space
<b>Culture</b>	Reflects local cultural presence
<b>Free</b>	Does not require money to enjoy
<b>Accessible</b>	Enhances accessibility for all
<b>Year-Round</b>	Works and invite use in all seasons
<b>Open</b>	Removes need for permission to participate
<b>Other</b>	Uses high-quality, durable materials
	Easy to clean and maintain
	Leverages partnerships with other City work or community initiatives where possible

## Community Recommended Priority Areas

The Priority Areas provide the starting place for investment. These areas have been identified because improvements in these locations are of high priority to enhance the safety of public spaces, namely streets and parks. The intent is that by concentrating initial investment in these areas, they will act as the catalysts to spark other improvements throughout the neighbourhoods for ongoing revitalization.

- A Robert Brett Park:** Improved park lighting, renewal of existing amenities, and improved opportunities to play and gather for local residents of all ages.
- B Belvedere Park:** Improved park lighting, renewal of existing amenities, and future social and recreation opportunities.
- C Balwin Park:** Improved park lighting, renewal of existing amenities, and future social and recreation opportunities.
- D Zoie Gardner Park:** Improved park lighting, increased pedestrian connections, and traffic calming measures around the park.
- E Braids Park:** Improved park lighting and renewal of some basic amenities.
- F Fort Road & 66 Street:** Improved pedestrian crossing and welcoming entry to the neighbourhoods.
- G 66 Street (128–130 Ave):** Improved pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, and street beautification.

## Neighbourhood-wide Priorities

During the investment prioritization process, several neighbourhood-wide priorities were identified through public engagement and by the Community Capital Investment Project Team. Most of these priorities were essential safety upgrades and improvements. Though most of these neighbourhood-wide priorities are beyond the scope of Revitalization, they have been highlighted here to ensure they are captured and incorporated into future work and City projects.

- + **Neighbourhood Lighting:** Replacements and additional lighting of public spaces, streets, and alleys to ensure spaces are safe at night.
- + **Pedestrian Improvements:** Replacement, repair, and creation of new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings as well as traffic calming throughout neighbourhoods to make them more safe and accessible for those walking and wheeling.
- + **Street Beautification:** Aesthetic improvements to streets and infrastructure, such as new street trees and planters, banners, community murals, or art on electrical boxes.
- + **Back Alley Improvements:** Paving, lighting, and art to make alleys more functional, safe, and attractive.

